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OPEC discipline 'vital' to beat glut

VIENNA, March 21 (R) — OPEC oil exporters took a historic decision this weekend to try to behave as a united organization, fixing output quotas to defend the price in an unprecedented world glut.

But to ride out the glut, oil company executives say, OPEC (the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) will have to find the self-discipline that has eluded it in the turbulent years since it controlled the international market during the 1973 oil embargo.

Meeting in Vienna, the 13 oil ministers of OPEC elected to try to keep total output in April and May below 18 million barrels per day (bpd). Each took a fixed quota within that total.

The deal hinges on a tacit bargain between Saudi Arabia and the 12 other members, delegates said. The Saudi Arabians said they are ready to take yet more oil off the market if that should be necessary — provided the rest stick to their quotas and do not rush to make secret discounts or dump oil and refined products on the Rotterdam spot market.

Oil Minister Subroto of Indonesia told reporters: "That is the understanding. They (the Saudi Arabians) would do their part and do what is necessary to defend \$34 if the others adhere to what was agreed here."

The price of \$34 for a barrel of Saudi Arabian light crude is the benchmark on which all OPEC prices are aligned with so-called differentials — agreed premiums or discounts on the benchmark — to reflect the varying yield in refined products.

While the ministers agreed to defend the \$34 benchmark and Saudi Arabia's Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani told a news conference

he would like to see it stay at this level until the end of 1983, the prices of some crudes were slightly reduced.

New differentials were set for high-quality crudes that would entail price cuts of one to \$1.50 by several exporters. OPEC President Mansour bin Jaber Al-Otaiba of the United Arab Emirates announced. Typically, his own Murban crude was reduced from \$35.50 to \$34.56 a barrel.

With Algeria, Libya and Nigeria also making such price cuts, affecting up to a quarter of all OPEC output, a few cents will be knocked off the average world price. To add credibility to the OPEC defensive package, Sheikh Yamani announced after the meeting ended Saturday that from April 1 he would take half a million barrels daily of Saudi Arabian oil off the market.

That will reduce the Saudi Arabian total to seven million bpd, although the Kingdom's quota was fixed at 7.5 million bpd.

The Saudi Arabians are ready to turn the taps down further if necessary. Sheikh Yamani said, pledging at his news conference to defend the \$34 benchmark.

He said there was a concerted Western bid to drive down the price of oil and wreck OPEC. He blamed the fact that OPEC sales had dwindled to levels not seen since the 1960s in part on recession, but also upon the unloading onto the market of major oil companies' surplus stocks.

That had been accompanied by a media campaign to talk down prices and "wrong stories" that speculated that Saudi Arabia was a secret party to anti-OPEC moves and was going slow on trimming its huge output.

Mafia's drug trade hits \$15b

ROME, March 21 (AFP) — Italy is more than earning its grim reputation of being the multi-million dollar "Mafia crossroads of the world narcotics trade" between Asian suppliers and American consumers.

Seizures by customs of drugs controlled by the Mafia's "Italian connection" have soared dramatically and dangerously in the past five years. In 1981, they totalled 10 tons of hashish, 158 kilos of cocaine and 82 kilos of morphine, compared to two tons of hashish, 63 kilos of cocaine and under one kilo of morphine in 1977.

But these seizures are just the tip of the narcotics iceberg, for the Italian authorities estimate that the current drug trade has become the Mafia's main source of revenue, with a colossal turnover of \$15 billion. The growing narcotics industry has badly hit Italy itself.

where the interior ministry estimates there are about 100,000 drug addicts.

There were 140 deaths from drug overdoses in the first six months of 1981, compared to 208 for the whole of 1980 and 129 for 1979, according to a ministry report.

Naples was at one time the center of Europe's illegal smuggling of American cigarettes, but it has now gone over to drug smuggling. This can be seen in the vicious war of gangland killings for control of the narcotics trade which has been raging in Naples this year — police recorded 236 of them in 1981.

The Mafia is favored by Italy's immensely long coastline which is almost impossible to seal by customs patrols as well as its relatively easy availability to Asian drug suppliers through Lebanon and Turkey.

U.K. treasure discovery said rigged

LONDON, March 21 (AP) — Devotees of the children's book *Masquerade*, which was laced with clues to a buried treasure, have deluged the *Sunday Times* of London with complaints that the treasure's discovery last month was rigged, the newspaper reported Sunday.

The *Times* said it had received "dozens of letters and telephone calls" over the good

fortune of a 48-year-old British car designer who unearthed a gold, jewel-encrusted pendant buried in August 1979 by the book's author, Kit Williams. The book rocketed onto the best-seller lists and prompted a 2½-year international treasure hunt.

The engineer, who has asked to remain anonymous, solved some of *Masquerade*'s clues, but his dog finally led him to within a few feet of where he unearthed the treasure Feb. 24 — near a monument dedicated to King Henry VIII's first wife, Catherine of Aragon, in a park in Amptill, England, 69 kms northwest of London. The man finally dug up the pendant after first checking with Williams to be sure he'd found the right spot.

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News of the discovery was first disclosed in *The Sunday Times*. "Masquerade" addicts, many of whom are clearly obsessed by the book, accused him, *The Times*, the author, Kit Williams, and the publishers, Jonathan Cape, of taking part in a conspiracy," the paper said Sunday.

"Most allege that (the engineer) was probably guided to the hare by Williams, although no one seems able to explain why the author should want to end the search — particularly just before the paperback version of *Masquerade* was published."

Williams has denied being of any assistance to the finder and says he would have confirmed the spot for any one else who'd deduce it.

PLO denies link with Red Brigades

ROME, March 21 (AP) — Farouk Kaddoumi, chief of the Palestine Liberation Organization's political department, has denied that there was any link between the PLO and the Italian Red Brigades. He also denied that the PLO had supplied the Red Brigades with arms.

Kaddoumi had met the Italian Interior Minister Virginio Rognoni Friday and after the talks Kaddoumi told reporters: "Rognoni has assured me that according to police investigations there was no link between the PLO and the various segments of terrorism in Italy."

The minister asked the Palestinian leader for an explanation of the traffic in arms, which, according to the confessions of numerous members of the Red Brigades and according to independent verification, took place between the Red Brigades and the PLO and other Palestinian resistance groups, the ministry said in a press release.

Antonio Savasta, confessed ringleader of the Red Brigades gang that kidnapped U.S. Brig. James L. Dozier in December, told a court in Verona last week that the Red Brigades had received arms from a wing of the PLO in the past.

King Khaled welcomes Marcos

RIYADH, March 21 (SPA) — King Khaled welcomed President Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines on the first day of his three-day state visit to the Kingdom. Sunday, President Marcos, who is accompanied by his wife, the first lady, Imelda Marcos, and a number of ministers and senior aides, arrived here Sunday from Jeddah where he had stayed overnight at the Guest Palace of Al Hamra.

The president was also welcomed by Crown Prince Fahd, Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, Prince Sattam, deputy governor of Riyadh, Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer, who is minister in waiting, and other officials.

On the same day, Filipino ministers met with their Saudi Arabian counterparts for talks on cooperation in various spheres. The meetings involved the ministers of communications, education, finance, health, agriculture, information, commerce, industry and petroleum affairs.

On disarmament U.S. reviews Soviet offer

WASHINGTON, March 21 (AFP) — The United States, initially skeptical over the Soviet Union's recent offer to freeze deployment of its Euromissiles, is now wondering whether after all the gesture was not a signal that Moscow really wants to talk seriously about disarmament.

The unilateral moratorium on deployment of Soviet SS-20 medium range missiles was announced last Tuesday by President Leonid Brezhnev at the congress of the Soviet trade unions. Brezhnev had said the Soviet Union would also suspend replacement of SS-4 and SS-5 missiles and eventually reduce the total number of intermediate range missiles. He asked in return for a halt to the deployment of U.S. Pershing missiles in Western Europe.

The U.S. government at first rejected the Soviet offer as meaningless and aimed solely at legitimizing Soviet superiority. However, several American politicians and commentators have since speculated whether the gesture was not designed to reactivate the

Geneva Euromissiles talks, adjourned until May 20, and the Strategic Arms reduction Talks (START).

The START negotiations were President Reagan's alternative to the ill-fated second round of the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) sponsored by former President Jimmy Carter.

It is the view here that President Brezhnev's offer was mainly aimed at world opinion and particularly the pacifist movements in the West. But State Department and Pentagon officials have been struck over the past week by Soviet insistence on the need to give "serious study" to Brezhnev's proposals.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, speaking at a lunch for visiting Czechoslovak Foreign Minister Bohoslav Shmuppek in Moscow Friday, said: "It is possible that certain parties have not yet well understood the meaning of our initiatives and need time to do so. Well, let them think about them and fully understand them."

Mammal fossils found in Antarctica

WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP) — Scientists have discovered a treasure trove of animal fossils in Antarctica, including the first bones of a land mammal ever found on the frozen continent, it was announced Saturday.

The National Science Foundation, which sponsored the research, said finding the mammalian fossils "ranks as one of the most significant scientific discoveries in recent years." Also found in the same area were fossils of a rare land lizard, skeletons of giant sea reptiles called plesiosaurs and the bones of many large, man-sized penquins.

An American research team made the discoveries earlier this month on Seymour Island, located off the northeastern tip of the Antarctic peninsula. The team was headed by Dr. William J. Zinsmeister of Ohio State University. "The confirmed presence of land mammals in Antarctica clearly shows that Antarctica and South America were attached during the late Cretaceous and early tertiary periods, about 65 million years ago," Zinsmeister said.

Scientists have thought that mammalian fossils existed in Antarctica because the continent is believed to have once been connected to Australia on one side and to South America on another, Zinsmeister said in a telephone interview. "Antarctica most likely was connected to South America by a land bridge," he said. Seymour Island is located about 800 miles from the tip of South America, he added.

In the period 70 million to 40 million years ago, Antarctica was a warm continent

covered with forests and surrounded by tropical waters, he noted. The mammalian fossils found a consist of the jawbones and teeth of a small rodent-like marsupial, an animal that carries its young in a pouch. The researchers found three jawbones, each slightly more than an inch long and containing two or three teeth.

As violence escalates Israeli firing hurts 5 W. Bank Arabs

NABLUS, West Bank, March 21 (Agencies) — Five persons were wounded Sunday when Israeli troops fired shots to break up violent demonstrations by striking Palestinians in the Arab West Bank, security sources said. The strikers were protesting against new Israeli occupation measures in the West Bank.

Serious unrest swept the area for the third successive day amid increased speculation about the future of the mayors of West Bank towns. Among the wounded were two youths hit by bullets in the legs when soldiers tried to break up stone-throwing crowds at Askar Refugee Camp, the security sources said. Troops imposed a partial blockade on the three main troublespots of Nablus, Ramallah and El Bireh.

At Ramallah, a curfew was ordered after Mayor Karim Khalaf announced he was resigning. A few hours later, he withdrew his resignation after coming under pressure from other Arab mayors to stay at his post.

An Arab youth was shot dead Saturday and several others were injured when Israeli troops clashed with stone-throwing demonstrators in El Bireh. The general strike was called in protest against last Thursday's dismissal of El Bireh Mayor Ibrahim Tawil and the dissolution of his town council by the

occupation forces.

Khalaf, one of the leading figures in the West Bank, issued a statement saying that "Israeli steps such as killing civilians, sealing off towns and imposing curfews" made it impossible for the town council to function properly. Other West Bank mayors, among them Bassam Al-Shaka of Nablus, criticized the move, saying any decision to resign should be taken collectively. Shaka told Reuters the Israelis were likely to dismiss the other mayors. "But we hope outside pressure will make them think twice," he added.

He said the mayors may resign collectively "if the Israelis continue their iron-hand policy and the (Palestinian) struggle against the civilian administration does not bear fruit."

Reinforced army units set up road blocks at the entrances to Nablus, Ramallah and El Bireh warning residents from leaving or entering between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. A total curfew was clamped on Balata and Askar refugee camps after demonstrators blocked roads with burning tires and pelted the troops with stones.

The army let off teargas and later fired bullets to disperse the crowds. Shops and factories were closed in West Bank towns and students chanting PLO slogans disrupted

Pull in world affairs doubted GCC shy on Soviet ties

KUWAIT, March 21 (Agencies) — The Gulf countries are reluctant to exchange diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union and other Socialist Bloc countries because "they have no initiative in world affairs," the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Secretary General Abdullah Bishara has said.

"The absence of relations with the Socialist states does not mean that the Gulf states are aligned against them," said Bishara in a television interview Saturday night. "Nor does the absence of relations mean that the Gulf states are in the embrace of the United States and the rest of the Western world." The main reason, he said, "is a GCC conviction that the East Bloc countries have no initiative in world affairs."

The GCC groups Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar and Oman in an economic integration and collective security pact. Of the six countries, only Kuwait has diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union and other East Bloc countries.

Bishara told the Kuwait state television that the Soviet Union "is involved in problems directly affecting the GCC member countries." He cited an Omani complaint that the Soviet Union "is playing a role in the Sultanate's dispute with its neighbor South

Yemen."

He also contended that establishing relations between the GCC countries and the Eastern Bloc states will "in no way develop a balance in the GCC ties with the Western world."

Bishara said that should the GCC opt for establishing diplomatic ties with Moscow, the Soviet Union stands to benefit from this. He did not explain this point.

He disclosed that the question of exchanging diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union has been the subject of a dialogue now under way between the GCC member states.

"We are getting closer to bridging the gap between GCC members on that score, and I expect differences on this question to disappear in the near future," Bishara told his interviewer. "But there is no need to take hasty decision on relations with the Eastern Bloc," he said.

Asked for comment on the security situation in the Gulf region, Bishara said there can never be stability in the area until an "honorable and just solution" was achieved for the Palestinians. "How can the United States build relations of milk and honey with the GCC countries when it has bad relations with Syria and the PLO," he asked.

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Iranian plane returned;
pilot to decide own fate

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 21 — The Iranian pilot who landed his warplane in one of the Kingdom's air bases recently has been given the option to decide where to go while the plane was returned to Iran, according to Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan.

In a statement to *Al-Madinah* Sunday, Prince Sultan said that "pilots had come from the Republic of Iran and had taken delivery of the plane." "In regard to the pilot, we gave him the freedom to decide on his own," Prince Sultan said.

Prince Sultan made the statement in Tabuk while on a tour of the Northern Region during which he opened several installations of the Armed Forces.

The Iranian pilot asked for political asylum

in the Kingdom after landing with his plane earlier this month.

Meanwhile, the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) reported that Prince Sultan returned to Riyadh Sunday from Jeddah.

Prince Sultan told *Al-Madinah* that the Gulf heads of state represented the supreme command for their armed forces and that the cooperation at the summit conference is the joint command.

"Defense ministers and chiefs of general staff have been assigned the task of coordination and organization, in regard to the military cooperation," Prince Sultan said. He added that security aspects are the responsibility of interior ministers. He referred to a proposed joint security agreement project to be studied during the interior ministers' conference in October.

MEPA discovers rare antelope

By Habib Rahaman
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 21 — The Meteorology and Environmental Protection Administration (MEPA) during its recent field survey found an antelope called "Lesser Kudu" in the central region of the Kingdom.

Ahmad Siraj, technical advisor at MEPA, told *Arab News* Sunday that a search will be undertaken soon to find out whether small colonies of this rare antelope exist. It also will make recommendation to the government for the creation of a nature reserve to breed

the animal.

Saudi Arabia, on the recommendation of MEPA, is enforcing a law for the protection of wild life. MEPA is also undertaking a number of projects to save endangered animals.

It has already discovered several hundred new species and the results of the survey are to be published shortly.

Meanwhile, the Geneva-based "World Meteorological Organization (WMO) will celebrate the World Meteorological Day 1982" March 23. Its theme will be "Observing the Weather from Space."

Varsity to host parley on Gulf ties

MAKKAH, March 21 (SPA) — A symposium will open at Ummul Qura University here Tuesday on the "dimensions of cultural and social cooperation among Gulf countries."

The symposium will be attended by Sheikh Abdullah Bishara, the secretary general of the Gulf Cooperation Council; Dr. Muhammad Ahmad Al-Rasheed, director general of the Arab Gulf Educational Bureau; and other prominent personalities, including Dr. Nasser Abdullah Al-Saleh, associate professor at the university's faculty of education. Debates will be conducted by Dr. Yusuf Al-Thaqfi, the head of the university's cultural committee and assistant professor at the department of history.

Subjects to be considered will comprise the cultural heritage and bonds among Gulf countries and the possibility of standardizing the region's education curricula. Delegates also will ponder over the future of the Gulf University, deal with the role of research centers in these countries and

whether they could be linked together through the Gulf educational bureau.

The common traditions and social characteristics also will be a subject of discussion, in addition to the importance of geographical configuration in forming a social and economic link.

In another development, the Eastern Province's King Faisal University announced Sunday that about 1,821 students have been enrolled in its various departments during the current academic year. This came in the annual statistical report by the university about its academic programs and conditions for admission.

These students study medicine and medical sciences, architecture and planning, agricultural sciences and food, veterinary medicine and animal resources, education and domestic economy. The report revealed that 162 non-Saudi Arabians are enrolled at the colleges of architecture and planning, agricultural sciences and food and veterinary medicine and animal resources this year.

Quran contest
prizes allocated

MAKKAH, March 21 (SPA) — Prizes totaling SR888,000 are allocated for the Holy Quran recitation competition which begins here Saturday. The 25 prizes will be awarded to winners in the five branches of the competition in which more than 40 Islamic states and 117 Islamic organizations are taking part.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Pilgrimage and Endowments said that the ministry provided air tickets and gave full board accommodation to the competitors and their companions. Special brochures have been printed by the ministry giving ample information on the competition in the past three years and their respective winners, in addition to this year's competition, the largest of its kind.

IDB signs 3 pacts
with African states

JEDDAH, March 21 (SPA) — Three agreements were signed by the Islamic Development Bank here Saturday for financing development project for the Senegal river basin. The beneficiaries are Senegal, Mali and Mauritania.

Under the agreements, the IDB will help finance the construction of Manentali Dam in Mali to boost agriculture and electric power generation in the three countries. The bank's contributions total 18 million Islamic Dinars.

The accords were signed by IDB President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali; Mauritanian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Muhammad Al-Hanashi Ould Muhammad Salah; Mali's Charge d'Affaires Sheikh Dia Keit; and Senegal's Charge d'Affaires Sayedina Omar Dioub.

Civil aviation conference begins

JEDDAH, March 21 (SPA) — The first administrative conference of Presidency of Civil Aviation opened here Saturday night. The conference, due to last several days, is attended by the presidency's senior officials, heads of department and by directors of the Kingdom's airports.

The heads of department will explain their plans and programs relating to air safety, emergencies, air control, air corridors and airport management.

At the outset of the meeting, Sheikh Kamel Sindi, assistant to the defense and aviation

minister for civil aviation, dwelt on the importance of the conference and Saudi Arabia's keenness to develop its air services constantly by adopting advanced technology and modern safety measures. He said the Kingdom's airports are the first artistic designs seen by incoming travellers and reflect the country's technological progress.

Civil Aviation President Sheikh Nasser Al-Assaf underlined the necessity to adopt the most up-to-date safety measures in the world and use international expertise in the aviation field.

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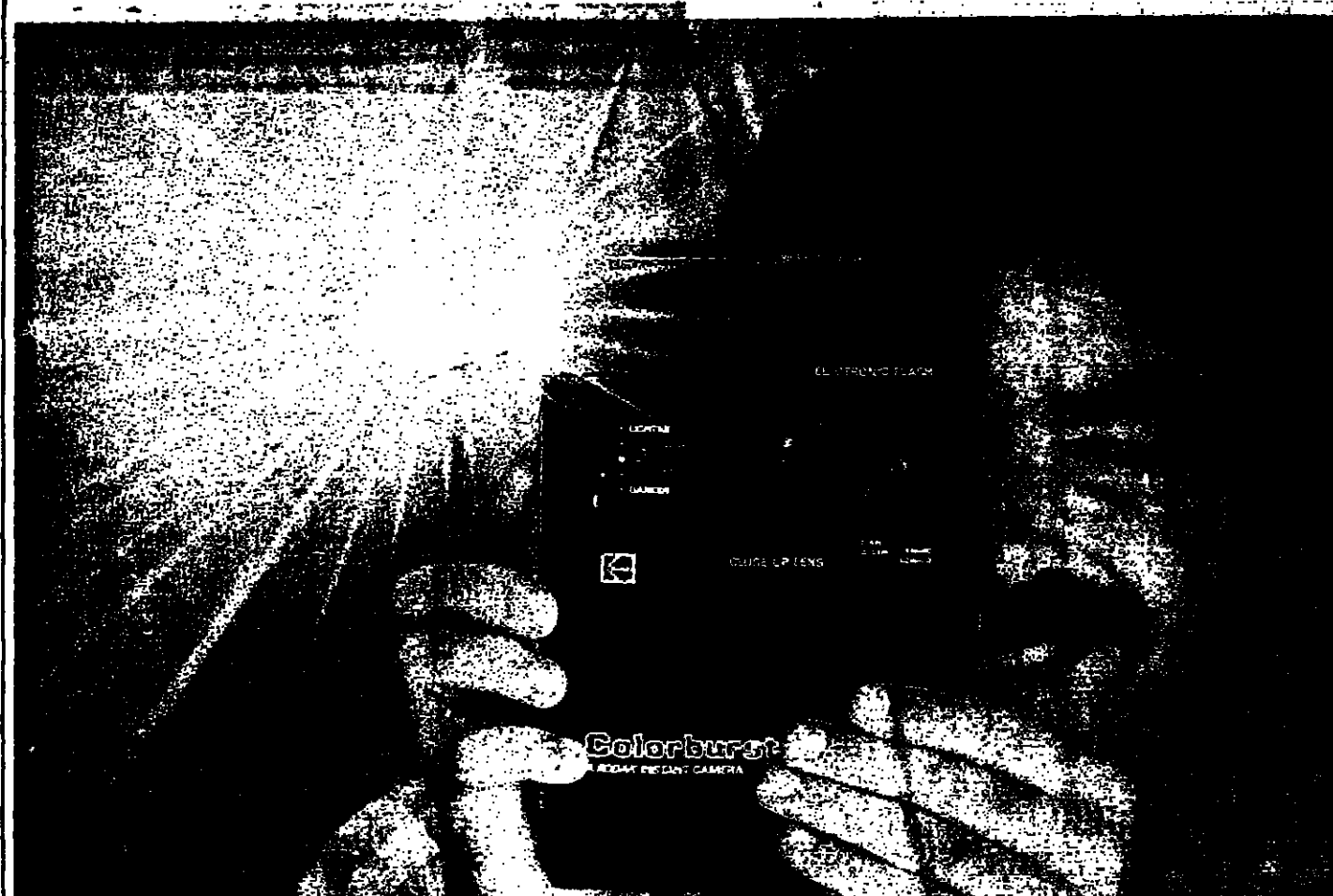
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On agro-industrial products

GCC probes tax relief

RIYADH, March 21 (SPA) — A committee of customs directors general in Gulf Cooperation Council states began meetings here Sunday to discuss several subjects among which is tax exemption of agro-industrial product exports among the member countries.

The two-day meeting will concentrate on four main subjects and then submit recommendations to the high cooperation committee during its second session in June.

The directors will discuss drafting the necessary bases to exempt agro-industrial products, exported from one member state to another, from customs duties. This will be done on the basis of article II of the unified economic accord. The article envisages that all agricultural, animal, industrial and natural resources products of local origin be exempted from customs and other similar duties.

The directors also will discuss an accord on

the minimum limit of customs tariff to be charged by the GCC member states from the outside world gradually, and then to unify it within five years from the date of the validity of the accord. This step will be taken on the basis of article IV of the agreement.

The subject of the application of principle on which an accord has been reached gives full facilities for the transit of goods of any member state to other members and exempts them from all duties and taxes. In addition, the passengers transport services and goods of any member state passing through another member state will be exempted from all duties and taxes, except the internal transport. This had been provided for by the GCC ministers of finance and economy during their meeting in Riyadh Jan. 26 and 27. The move aimed at preparing the necessary arrangements for drafting a unified economic treaty.

U.S. audio-visual exhibition opens

By Devadas Kini
Arab News Staff

RIYADH, March 21 — Deputy Mayor of Riyadh Mused Al-Angary inaugurated an exhibition on audio-visual and educational training aids sponsored by the United States in the presence of over 400 guests which included Saleh Tuaimi, secretary general of Riyadh chamber of commerce and industry.

The Director General of Foreign Commercial Service of the United States government, Richard McElheny said: In this exhibition we are proud to display the latest in educational technology, a field in which the United States has no real competitors. The U.S., he added, has traditionally been the leader in the field of transfer of technology to Saudi Arabia and it wants to maintain and strengthen this role with close relationship with the Kingdom.

Speaking to Arab News, Thomas Thomas, director of U.S. exhibition, said this is one of the major exhibition of American products and new technologies to be held in Saudi Arabia. "We have assembled for this event a

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RIYADH (SPA) — Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazaeri opens the second seminar on medicine Sunday, organized by King Saud University's college of pharmacy at the university premises in Malaz. During the three-day seminar, discussions will be held on all matters connected with medicines and the preparation of pharmaceutical goods in the developing countries. The seminar will be attended by several deans of the colleges of pharmacy in Arab states, besides medical scholars from different parts of the world.

RIYADH (SPA) — Minister of Justice Sheikh Ibrahim Muhammad Al-Sheikh conferred here Sunday with a visiting judicial delegation from Morocco led by head of the higher council of the justice ministry, Sheikh Af-Saddiq al-Saghi. The meeting centered on bilateral cooperation in the judicial sphere. The Moroccan delegation arrived here Saturday on a few-day visit.

SANAA (SPA) — North Yemeni Prime Minister Abdul Karim Al-Iriany discussed with the Kingdom's Charge d'Affaires here Mahmoud Bidewi Sunday bilateral relations between the sister countries.

DAMMAM (SPA) — The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Eastern Province Sunday met with the Canadian trade delegation which is currently on a visit to the Kingdom.

JEDDAH (SPA) — The religious and cultural committee of Jeddah's Faisaliyah Women's Society organizes the third book show Monday at the Girls' Training College here. The exhibit, which will be attended by the college's principal, Fayerzah Al-Dabbagh, will last one week. Its aim is to acquaint the visitors and students with the method of obtaining the sources.

JEDDAH — Leading personalities in trade, industry, airlines, education and diplomatic missions attended a party organized by Jeddah branch of the Al Bank Al Saudi Al Fransi at Meridien Hotel Saturday evening. Jean Claude Gruffat, manager of the Bank, said that the reception was arranged to bid farewell to its employees Christian Romeyer, Joic Lehenand and Frederic; and also to welcome Luc Debievre, H. De Courtivron and R. Campistron, who will replace them.

KHAFJI (SPA) — The Municipality of Khafji Sunday awarded a SR4.9 million contract to a national firm for the asphaltting of the town's entry point in 12 months. Mayor Saad Al-Sherif stated that another contract has been signed for the asphaltting and building of a seaside wall for the municipality's motel with a national company at a cost of SR454,000, with an implementation period of four months. Meanwhile, bids have been opened for the maintenance of main and branch roads and a contract will be let shortly, he added.

Saudi support for Afghans affirmed

JEDDAH, March 21 (SPA) — Deputy Governor of Makkah Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen Sunday reiterated that the government and people of Saudi Arabia stand by the Afghan people in defending the Islamic faith.

In a message on the world day for Afghanistan, Prince Saud, who is deputy chairman of the committee for the assistance of the Afghan mujahideen, commended the Afghan people's battle against the pro-Soviet Afghan regime.

He said the Islamic nation is passing through a very difficult phase and the ordeal of the Afghan people in their own country represents an actual confrontation of the biggest heretic forces standing before a peace-loving Muslim people who are sacrificing everything despite the imbalance in the two forces. He stressed the need for helping the Afghan people who, he said, are confronting the enemies who are using poisonous gases and internationally banned lethal weapons.

The deputy governor said the committee has extended many aids and has called upon the citizens to make donations for the people of Afghanistan. He added that assistance must be increased to enable the Afghan people to fight the destructive ideals which pose a threat to the Islamic faith.

OIC signs \$5.7m deal

JEDDAH, March 21 (SPA) — A \$5.7 million contract was signed here Sunday for building the first phase of the Niger Islamic University. The contract, signed at the headquarters of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, was awarded to several companies.

Habib Chatti, OIC secretary general, and Niger Planning Minister Brah Mahaman signed the contract. The first for the university's project, it provides for building an Islamic studies and Arabic language college.

Prayer Times

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Monday						
Fajr (Dawn)	4:49	4:59	4:30	4:17	4:42	5:11
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:28	12:29	12:00	11:47	12:11	12:41
Asr (Afternoon)	3:53	3:55	3:26	3:14	3:38	4:08
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:33	6:34	6:06	5:53	6:17	6:47
Isha (Night)	8:03	8:04	7:36	7:23	7:47	8:17

Algosaibi to leave for Tunis talks

RIYADH, March 21 (SPA) — Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi leaves for Tunis Monday on an official visit to Tunisia.

He will be accompanied by a delegation comprising Dr. Mahsoun Jalal, chairman of the board of directors of the Saudi-Tunisian Investment Corporation; Abdul Aziz Al-Zamil, deputy chairman of Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC); and Fuhaid Al-Chawaf, assistant undersecretary

for financial and administrative affairs.

Algosaibi stated that the visit takes place in response to an invitation from Tunisian Minister of National Economy Abdul Aziz Al-Ahram, and aims at consolidating the bonds of friendship and reinforcing cooperation.

During the visit, the minister will inspect industrial and electrical installations as well as the corporation's projects.

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On Afghanistan Day

World leaders rap Soviet aggression

WASHINGTON, March 21 (Agencies) — World leaders, on Afghanistan Day, joined U.S. President Ronald Reagan in calling for an end to Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and for a negotiated solution to the Afghan tragedy. Gaston Thorn, president of the executive commission of the European Common Market, appealed for a "speedy resolution" to the "continuing crisis" caused by the Soviet intervention.

In a statement released Sunday, he said the intervention "has led to the creation of the largest body of displaced persons in the world in the form of 2.5 million refugees."

Reagan commemorated the Afghan new year with a statement Saturday calling on the Soviet Union to withdraw its forces "to end this needless conflict" in Afghanistan.

Ceremonies were held Sunday in at least a dozen U.S. cities in a display of solidarity with the people of Afghanistan. The president also said the Voice of America will begin broadcasting in the two major languages of Afghanistan.

Reagan said he could not accept the Soviet rationale for its intervention in Afghanistan and added, "the war against Soviet aggression is a hard and lonely struggle."

European Parliament President Pieter Dankert issued a statement saying the Soviet action meant that "for the first time in 40 years, a free and independent country that does not belong to the Communist bloc, was occupied by Russian troops."

The West German Foreign Ministry issued a statement in Bonn saying it joined the other Common Market members in condemning Russian expansionism. Danish Prime Minister Anker Røsgaard said his country "deeply regretted" that Moscow has not agreed to a peaceful settlement of the Afghan problem.

Sixty-one senior lawyers of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh called upon their countrymen to observe Afghanistan Day to express their support and solidarity with the Afghan people in their fight against "Soviet expansionism."

In Peking, a Chinese Muslim leader said

Seven persons indicted

Libyan plan to buy U.S. arms foiled

DALLAS, March 21 (AP) — A bank account was set up in the Cayman Islands to receive more than \$125 million in Libyan money to pay for smuggled U.S. military weapons, the Dallas Morning News reported Saturday.

An alleged plot to steal 15 sophisticated Cobra helicopters from Bell Helicopter Textron Co. plant in Amarillo was to provide the first instalment of several arms shipments, the newspaper said in a copyright story. Subsequent shipments would have included missiles, automatic weapons and tanks in what U.S. customs service agents called the largest smuggling plan of its kind.

"This is the most major case of its type in the history of the customs service," a federal source told the paper. The people involved "would have taken anything we offered. Nobody was talking automatic weapons, but missiles, automatic weapons, tanks — the usual heavy military equipment."

Seven men have been indicted on charges of conspiring to violate the U.S. Neutrality Act after an investigation in which customs agents posed as representatives of the U.S. Army and Bell Helicopter. The indictments returned March 4 allege the Cobra gunships were to have been stolen this month. Federal prosecutors said black-market weapons brokers from Spain, Italy and the United States started talks on the illegal arms sales in January.

Customs agents arrested three men in Amarillo on March 13 on the indictments, and a psychologist and a real estate broker were arrested the Los Angeles area. Authorities believe the other two men have fled the country.

The undercover agents were told that representatives of Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi would deposit more than \$125 million in the account to pay for the gunships.

New foreign minister takes over in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, March 21 (Agencies) — Pakistan's new Foreign Minister Salauddin Yaqub Khan said Saturday that ties with Pakistan's neighbors, especially the Soviet Union and India, as well as the issue of Afghanistan, will be matters of paramount importance when he takes over as the country's diplomatic chief.

Speaking to newsmen on arrival here from Paris, Yaqub Khan said he foresaw no major changes in the policies followed by his predecessor, Foreign Minister Agha Shahi, who resigned last month for health reasons.

Yaqub Khan, who had been serving as Pakistan's ambassador to France, was sworn-in Sunday.

Asked to identify the major focus of Pakistan's foreign policy, Yaqub Khan added that Islamabad would continue to give total support to Islamic and Arab causes, including Palestine and Jerusalem.

Gunfire kills three Lebanese militiamen

BEIRUT, March 21 (Agencies) — A bomb exploded at daybreak in the southern Lebanese city of Sidon Sunday and three militiamen were killed in an exchange of gunfire in South Lebanon. Beirut state radio reported. The radio said the bomb, which was placed near the central bank in the port city of Sidon, caused no casualties.

Meanwhile, three militiamen were killed when gunmen in a speeding car opened fire on them, according to the radio which gave no other details. But the rightist Voice of Lebanon radio station said the three militiamen belonged to the Amal militia.

Fighting in the southern Lebanese village of Ain Oana and surrounding areas between Amal and pro-Iraqi Communist militiamen left seven persons killed and 16 wounded in the past 48 hours.

Saturday the Afghan people's fight against Soviet aggression "is a just struggle. We pray Allah to help them," China's official Xinhua News Agency reported. The statement was among several Chinese denunciations of the Soviet Union coinciding with the Afghan new year Sunday.

Peking radio said activities all over the world Sunday to show support for Afghan resistance amounted to "a strong condemnation of the Soviet hegemonists."

It reiterated China's own support for "the Afghan people's just struggle." The radio said the Soviet Union had sent in 100,000 troops and was spending \$4 million to \$5 million a day to fight the Afghan resistance movement with artillery, tanks, planes and other modern weapons. But it said Afghan fighter forces are continuously expanding, developing and linking up, and Afghanistan will become "a burial ground for the aggressors."

The statement by Haj Ilyas Shen Xiaxi, vice president of the China Islamic Association, said the fighters' struggle also is a contribution "to the maintenance of world peace and security."

In Pakistan, where 2.6 million Afghan refugees have fled, special radio and television programs were broadcast and Afghan fighter groups held rallies denouncing the 1979 Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. The rebel organizations applauded the declaration of Afghanistan Day but one major group said mere condemnation of Soviet actions was no longer adequate and appealed for material support.

In Kabul, about 200,000 people marched through the streets and there was a rally in front of the U.S. Embassy to protest at ceremonies in many countries condemning the Soviet presence in Afghanistan. Kabul radio, in a broadcast monitored in Islamabad, said the rally was held Saturday.

Afghan President Babrak Karmal, in a speech broadcast by Radio Kabul, condemned Sunday's ceremonies as a new strategy by the U.S. showing its "outright interference" in his country's internal affairs. He indicated that international pressure

would not change Kabul's stance on settling the Afghan problem.

In Moscow, the daily *Sovetskaya Rossiya* said the solidarity with Afghanistan Day observed in the United States and Western Europe was "another propaganda show" staged by Washington.

The newspaper said a Texas-based air cargo company had been contacted to transport the helicopters to Libya on modified Boeing cargo planes. The money was to have been laundered through Switzerland and then transferred to the Cayman Islands, the sources said.

Libya has not been able to buy military equipment from the United States since the early 1970s, and the Reagan administration announced earlier this month that all oil imports from Libya would be halted. The defendants in the case were identified as Thomas R. O'Connor, 51, a psychologist from Los Angeles, and Max Field, 71, a real estate broker from Beverly Hills, California.

Also indicted were Paolo Marucci of Italy, Alfonso Lopez Quesada, 61, of Spain, and Michael Kulum, 34, of Encino, California. Two other Italians, Daro Ronca and Severio Nuccio, were also indicted, but have not been arrested.

Sabah, Evren discuss cooperation

KUWAIT, March 21 (R) — The Turkish head of state, Kenan Evren, and the ruler of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al-Sabah, Sunday discussed ways of boosting trade and economic cooperation between their countries, Kuwait officials said.

The talks, on the second day of a state visit to Kuwait by Gen. Evren, also dealt with the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Iran-Iraq war and the situation in Cyprus and Afghanistan, they said. The officials described the talks as a

follow-up to agreements reached during Sheikh Jaber's trip to Turkey last September to launch joint ventures in trade, telecommunications, tourism and the petrochemicals industry.

A 20-man delegation accompanying Gen. Evren includes the ministers of foreign affairs, trade and industry and technology. Kuwait was expected to ask Turkey to sever diplomatic relations with Israel and to give the Palestine Liberation Organization diploma-

tic status in Ankara, according to informed Kuwaiti sources. Kuwaiti officials said Turkey being one of the leading Islamic states should not have relations with Israel which continues to occupy Arab lands.

Meanwhile, Turkey's Deputy Prime Minister and Chief Economic Planner Turgut Ozal, accompanied by nearly 100 private businessmen, left Ankara Sunday for a four-day visit to Syria aimed at boosting trade.

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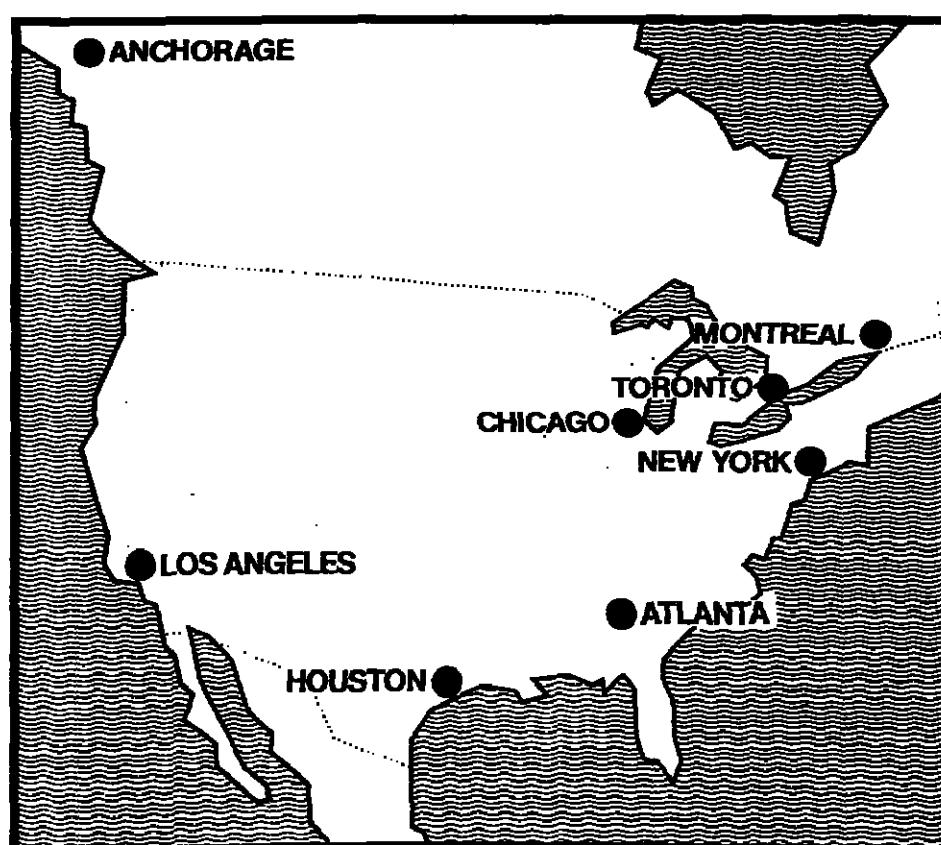
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Philippines-Saudi ties strengthened

Marcos visit boosts diplomatic relations

The Philippines came in contact with the Arab world in the early 1300s when a group of Arab missionaries headed by Sheikh Karim-ul Makhdum arrived in Sulu to spread the religion of Islam.

This initial contact led to the gradual Islamization of Sulu and its neighboring provinces in Mindanao. When the Spaniards arrived in 1521, they found a number of Filipinos already converted to Islam.

Today, Islam is practiced by more than two million Filipinos. The religion and its culture has become one of the principal features of Philippine national life.

Every year, more than 2,000 Muslim Filipinos, fulfilling their vows, carry out the Hajj — the pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca. Their orderly trek to the holiest of Islam's shrines is supervised by the Philippine Pilgrimage Authority, which President Marcos created in 1978.

The Philippines and Saudi Arabia agreed to have diplomatic ties on Nov. 15, 1946, five months after the Philippines regained independence from

the United States. However, it was only on Oct. 20, 1969, that formal relations were established. A month later, the Philippines named Yusuf Abubakar, who was also ambassador to Egypt, as non-resident ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

The Kingdom opened its embassy in Manila on Dec. 7, 1972.

On Oct. 19, 1973, Saudi Arabia accepted Liningding Pangandaman, a Maranao Muslim from Lanao del Sur, as resident ambassador to Jeddah. Ambassador Pangandaman presented his credentials to King Faisal on Dec. 23, 1973.

From that day, relations between the two countries have further grown, to the mutual advantage of both.

In various international forums, as in the United Nations, the Philippines and Saudi Arabia have aligned themselves, voting on the same side in all vital issues. An agreement to this effect, signed by Acting Foreign Affairs Minister Manuel Collantes and Deputy Foreign Minister Sheikh Al-Sultan in February 1974, is in force. In late March, 1975, the First Lady,

Mrs. Imelda Romualdez Marcos, visited Riyadh as President Marcos' personal representative. Mrs. Marcos got assurances from Saudi officials that they would support the Philippine government's policy of exploring all means toward a peaceful settlement of the Muslim problem in Mindanao. The Philippines for its part reassured the Kingdom of its support in the efforts to solve the Palestinian problem within the framework of resolutions in the United Nations.

Saudi Arabia maintains close links with Muslims in the Philippines. The Kingdom's aid to them is but one of the tangible manifestations of those links. Among the beneficiaries of the aid is the King Faisal Center for Islamic and Asian Studies at the Mindanao State University in Marawi City the Golden Mosque in downtown Manila and the Madrasah or Arabic schools in various parts of the Philippines.

On April 25, 1981, the Kingdom accepted the credentials of Ambassador Benjamin T. Romualdez as new envoy from the Philippines.

Multiple roles for First Lady

Imelda Romualdez Marcos, wife of President Marcos, has multiple public roles as First Lady, Governor of Metropolitan Manila, Presidential envoy plenipotentiary, member of the National Assembly representing the National Capital Region, and Minister of human settlements.

When President Marcos launched the Kilusang Kabuhayan at Kaulanan (National Livelihood Programme) last year to stimulate economic growth, he appointed Mrs. Marcos the Program's secretary-general. The First Lady is also the chairperson of the Southern Philippines Development Authority which coordinates all economic and social development programmes in Mindanao.

Mrs. Marcos has been active in cultural, social, trade promotion and political work since the first Marcos term in 1966. She has gone on sensitive missions for the Philippine government to Peking, Moscow, Havana, Washington and the Middle East — as well as handled the toughest assignments at home. She started a movement for population moderation in the 1960s. The nutrition programme she began in 1974 has become a United Nations model for other developing countries. She built the imposing Cultural Centre along Manila Bay to popularize the arts and a National Arts Centre on the slopes of Mount Makiling to train young artists.

The Ministry of Human Settlements' work programme is based on the experience Mrs. Marcos gained from working in Metro Manila's four cities and 13 towns. Its aim is to bring to all Filipinos the 11 basic needs of human settlement: water, power, food, clothing, livelihood, health care, education, culture and technology, ecological balance, sports and recreation, shelter and mobility.

In the UN and other world councils, Mrs. Marcos has spoken for children, women, the disabled, and the human environment. Her latest project has been the holding of the Manila International Film Festival last January, the first to be held in Asia.

Marcos record unmatched in RP history

Ferdinand E. Marcos has dominated the Philippine political scene for 16 years, a record unmatched by any other Filipino president.

At 64, Marcos is remarkably fit and has a physique that a man half his age might envy. He has come through a war that left him wounded in body and spirit. He has survived decades of political intrigue, several attempts on his life, subversion, conspiracies, rebellions. He has broken powerlords and their private armies — and himself known humiliation, defeat and sorrow. Yet he comes on a little brown man, cool in his bearing Filipino and quick to laugh, self-confident, casual, alert, totally in control of the situation and himself. From September 17 until January 1981, Marcos in theory held near-absolute power in the Philippines under a Constitutionally-sanctioned martial law. Yet he was restrained by his lawyer's faith in due process and his politician's trust in the healing power of compromise. He still extracts obedience from generals and politicians not so much by the power he can use, being Commander-in-Chief and President, as from his expertise at their own profession. He was the country's most decorated soldier (28 medals, including the Medal for Valor) in the Pacific War which he fought as a combat intelligence officer and later as guerrilla. And then he pulled himself up the political ladder the hard way, making it from neophyte Congressman to Senator and Senate President. As one might expect, Marcos an exceptionally strong President. He exerts a decisive and personal influence on nearly all aspects of government policy. He rewrote Philippine foreign policy to bring the country from out of the American shadow of influence into a position of near-equidistance to the great powers. He helped found the Association of

Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and consistently speaks for the interests of the Third World in international gatherings.

Marcos plays a direct role in economic policy-making. As early as his first term as President, he brought men with expertise, if not political power, into his Cabinet. He put economic decision-making in the National Economic Development Authority, which he himself heads.

He justifies his recourse to martial law as morally and politically necessary, given the Philippines' situation in late 1972. As he wrote in 1973: "We are using martial law not only to restore civil order. We are using it as the legal means to bring about badly needed and drastic reforms in our country." He has become the chief ideologist of the regime the Filipinos call the "New Society," at every occasion elaborating on his idea of "revolution from the centre." This concept Marcos found time in 1972-73 to put down into two books, Today's Revolution: Democracy and Notes on the New Society of the Philippines.

On Jan. 17, 1981, Marcos lifted martial law, beginning a four-year transition to the full restoration of representative processes. This transition will end with the election of a permanent National Assembly in 1984. The Philippine Constitution is similar to the French under which Parliament interacts with a strong President directly elected by the people.

In the nationwide elections of June 16, 1981, Marcos got 88.2 percent of all votes cast to become the first President of the New Republic under the amended Constitution. In his inaugural address, he proclaimed "the birth of a New Republic, new in structure and character, and ordained to preside over a new time of ferment and change in our national life."



His Royal Highness Prince Fahad Bin Abdul Aziz the Deputy Prime Minister, during his meeting with President Ferdinand Marcos at the summit of world leaders in Cancun, Mexico, last October. The Crown Prince extended the invitation to President Marcos to visit

the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The visit officially starts today in Riyadh, where President Marcos, the First Lady, Mrs. Imelda Romualdez Marcos and their official party will be welcomed by His Majesty, King Khaled.



His Majesty, King Khaled, meets President Marcos, the first Philippine head of state to visit Saudi Arabia, today

Government's concern uplifts Muslim areas

A "country within a country" — this was the dream of Muslim Filipinos for years — has sprung up in that part of the territory which has been loosely referred to as Southern Philippines. Autonomy had been declared by President Marcos in March 1977, in this portion of Philippine soil where now live approximately over two million Muslims. This was in implementation of the Tripoli Agreement signed by the Philippine government with Muslim leaders in 1976. Some of bloody battles for years provoked by efforts of some radical elements to secede from the Republic, now it is a proud political entity and the hub of development activities and growth.

Covering 10 provinces sprawled in a land and sea area of hundreds of nautical square miles east of Malaysia, that autonomous portion of the Philippine Republic has been divided into two regions, in accordance with the results of the referendum for autonomy held in April 1977.

Each region has a lawmaking body known as Legislative Assembly to govern the political entity. Each region, too, formulates plans and policies to hasten economic and cultural development.

The provinces comprising the autonomous regions are Basilan, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi, Zamboanga del Sur, Zam-

boanga del Norte, North Cotabato, Maguindanao, Sultan Kudarat, Lanao del Norte and Lanao del Sur. There are in these regions about 5,742 barangays, the smallest units in Philippine body politic.

To make it a real people's affair, in 1979 President Marcos called for election of members of the regional legislative assemblies. On hearing about the President's granting autonomy to the regions, Muslim rebels, convinced of his sincerity to bring peace and progress to their "little country," came down from the hills. Some of them ran and won in the elections.

Legislative Assembly

The elected lawmakers (they are called Assemblymen) in each region chose Abdul Khayr Alonto, a former rebel, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly for Region 9, and Nur Hussein Urutalan, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly for Region 12.

The administrative and implementing machinery of the region's government is the Executive Council which supervises and controls development projects. It reports to the President on the status of development programmes and the performance of local government officials. The President gets its advice on what

actions and policies to take to accelerate progress in the autonomous areas. Ulbert U. Tugung is chairman of the Executive Council for Region 9. Gil Rodriguez and Al Kaluang are members. Simeon Datumanog, former governor of Cotabato province, is chairman of the Executive Council for Region 12, with Linang P. Mandangan and Francisco Rabang, Jr. as members.

The autonomous regions may raise funds by imposing taxes and fees on businesses and firms operating in their respective jurisdictions. In addition to grants-in-aid from the national government in Manila, they derive income from commercial, industrial and agricultural undertakings such as by operating public utilities and putting up commercial fairs. The regions also get yearly a share of the national government's income derived from mines and mineral resources located in the 10 provinces.

It is interesting to note that the autonomous regional governments in the Southern Philippines exercise powers

similar to those of the autonomous governments of the South in Sudan, and of Kurdistan in Iraq. The government, aware of the development needs of the two autonomous regions, is pouring billions of pesos to uplift the area economically. In the current (1982) budget, the government has appropriated P199.7 million for Western Mindanao and P195.9 million for Central Mindanao. This includes funds for reforestation, aid to local schools, barangay roads and bridges, water projects, health and farm services.

Projects

In addition, there are six agricultural and 13 industrial projects in the pipeline in Western Mindanao. Similarly, there are 11 agricultural and five industrial projects currently under study for Central Mindanao.

The agricultural projects include the tapping of rubber, cotton growing, the farming of yellow corn, coffee and rootcrops, and the raising of livestock and poultry. Other projects include a meat processing complex, fishery development, abaca and ginger production. Development of the autonomous regions will continue to be stressed in the coming years to increase the income of Muslim Filipinos and raise their standard of living.

Economic exchanges increasing

The economic relations between the Philippines and Saudi Arabia complements each other's needs for development.

The Philippines, a developing country in the throes of industrial takeoff, buys a third of its imported crude oil needs from the Kingdom.

Saudi Arabia, the world's largest crude oil producer, employs about 150,000 Filipinos in almost all sectors of its economy.

Last year, the Philippines imported \$802 million in crude oil from the Kingdom, its single largest import expense. It exported small amounts of bananas, Portland cement, ships and boats, lumber, dry cell batteries, garments, cordage, ropes, logs, cigars and plaiting material in sheet form. This purchase were estimated at \$39 million.

Officials from both countries are optimistic that the existing economic relations between the two nations will continue to grow in the coming years, considering the fact that Saudi Arabia is still hiring more Filipino workers to carry out its massive construction and other economic projects.

The Philippines is currently intensifying its trade promotion efforts to sell more goods to the Kingdom. The market is wide open for garments, pharmaceutical products, furniture, building materials, food, footwear, wood manufactures, tobacco, electrical appliances and handicraft.

Filipinos influenced by Arabian culture

Filipinos were influenced by many peoples and cultures but primarily by two Eastern civilisations — Chinese and Indian — and two Western cultures — Spanish and American.

What the Filipinos themselves do not readily realize is that they were also influenced by another great culture, that of the Arabs, which reached its golden age when medieval Europe was still in Dark Ages.

The Arabic influence reached the Philippines directly, largely through Mindanao and Sulu which saw the spread of Islam in the 13th and 14th centuries, and indirectly, through the Spaniards who themselves were strongly influenced by the Arabs during the Middle Ages.

The Arabs came to the Philippines toward the end of the ninth century AD when an anti-alien policy adopted by imperial China and increased piracy along the South China coast forced them to look for a new trade route to Asia.

Islam came to the Philippines slowly and gradually through traders, adventurers and missionaries and teachers (makhdumun) from the 9th to the 15th century.

Undoubtedly, the greatest influence of the Arabs on the Filipinos has been in religion. Islam spread rapidly in Southern Philippines as well as in Luzon and the Visayas and the entire country could have become Muslim like Malaysia and Indonesia had the

Spanish conquistadores not come in 1521.

Today, Islam, the religion founded by the prophet Mohammed in Arabia in the seventh century, is both a faith and a way of life of more than two million Filipinos.

Another area where Arabic influence is still being felt in the Philippines is field of law. President Marcos himself is fully aware of the pervasive effect of the Sharia's (Islamic law) on the lives of Muslim Filipinos because he decreed on Feb. 4, 1977 that Islamic family law should be part of the national laws of the Philippines.

Politics and government in many areas of Mindanao have also been influenced by the Arabs. One of the most important contributions of Arabia to politics in Southern Philippines is the sultanate as a form of government. In the sultanate, the powers of government were vested in the sultan and the Ruma Bechara or assembly of powerful datus.

The Arabic influence on Philippine education is not so extensive as that of the West, as represented by Spain, and later, by the United States. Still, the madrasah — Islamic schools — which were set up in the Muslim South did much to promote literacy in Mindanao and Sulu.

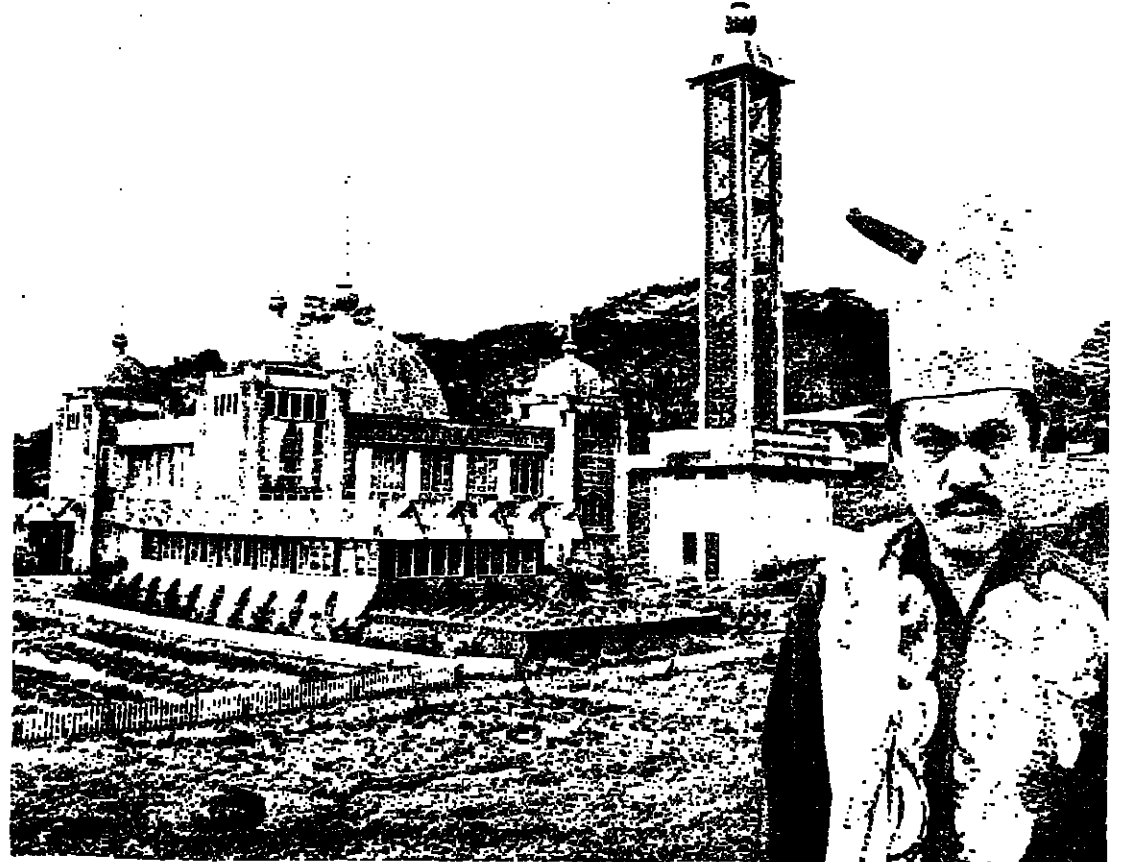
Arabic literature has left its imprint on Muslim literature in the South. In early times, much of the Muslim Filipinos' literary expression, like that of the Arabs, was oral. But in

spite of the absence of a written vehicle of culture, the Muslim world view found expression in the rich oral traditions of the Muslim communities of the South.

No thorough study of Tagalog words derived from Arabic has been undertaken, but it appears that there are more Arabic loan words in Tagalog and other Philippine dialects than most Filipinos are aware of.

Many Arab words have been absorbed by Tagalog and other Philippine dialects through Spanish. Among them are almirante (admiral), alkalde (alcalde — mayor), aduwana (aduana — customs area), almoneda (auction), asoge (azogue — quick — silver), al-kohol (alcohol), naranha (naranja — orange), limon (limon — lemon), asukal (azucar — sugar), alpombra (alfombra — carpet), al shas (alhaja — jewellery), barrio (village) and asotea (azotea — terrace).

The Arabic influence on Philippine life and culture may be even more pervasive and deeper than we think. Indeed Writer Carmen Guerrero Nakpil says in an article in Salsam magazine that the Philippines "is probably the only country in the world to have been Islamized twice; once by Arab missionaries and the sultans of Borneo in the 14th century and once again by the Spaniards from Seville who, whether they liked it or not, were the products of the 800 years of Arab culture and technology in medieval Spain."



A living symbol of the deep relationship between the Republic of the Philippines and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is the King Faisal Mosque in Marawi City which was built in 1973 from funds donated by the Kingdom.

Easy loans for Filipino workers

A Filipino contract worker in the Middle East can now buy on installment a house and lot in the Philippines.

Or he can finance the college education of his children. Or he can start a modest business in the Philippines to increase his family income.

The contract worker can do any of these things through a financial aid package being offered by the Philippine National Bank. All the worker has to do is send his dollar earnings to the Philippines through the PNB by opening a special savings account either in pesos or dollars. The bank then acts as his financial adviser or manager.

The new financial aid package was recently announced in Manila by Panfilo O. Domingo, PNB president, and transmitted to Ambassador Benjamin Romualdez in Jeddah. The package offers the following:

1. "Pa-tote" plan — under this scheme, the worker can buy a lot in any of a few selected subdivisions in the Philippines at lower rates and under an amortization plan which fits his budget.
2. "Pa-bahay" plan — through this, the worker can build a modest house, payable in 25 years through a government housing agency.
3. "Pa-appliance" plan — through this, the worker can buy household appliances for his family on the most liberal terms to be arranged by the PNB with the dealer.
4. "Pa-negosyo" plan — through this scheme, the PNB will help the worker start his own business with a tie-up to the government's Kilusang sa Kabuhayan at Kaulanan (KKK) programme. Or he can buy on an easy-installment plan a utility vehicle to increase his family's income.

3. "Pa-aral" plan — under this offer, the PNB will help the worker set aside part of his savings to finance the college education of his children. The PNB is offering higher than normal interest rates on the peso or dollar accounts of the contract workers as an enticement.

To be eligible, the worker has to open a special savings deposit either in dollars or pesos with any PNB representative office in the Middle East. In Jeddah, the PNB office is headed by Jose Pascual. Some of the features of the special deposit account:

1. The worker can open a dollar deposit account with his dollar income in excess of the mandatory 70 percent remittance.
2. The dollar deposit will earn nine percent annually, compounded quarterly, if the funds are not touched for the duration of the plan in the package. If portions are withdrawn before the plan lapses, only a 7 percent annual interest will be applied on the withdrawn amount.
3. Withdrawals from the dollar account can either be made in U.S. dollars or in pesos. But if the withdrawal is to be made in pesos, the dollars have to be exchanged with pesos in the PNB.
4. The peso savings account will earn 10 percent, a shade above the normal interest rate earnings of ordinary savings deposits.

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AFGHANISTAN DAY

The Western world's solidarity with Afghanistan which took the form of "Afghanistan Day" yesterday should have also heralded a more determined and organized opposition to the Soviet imperialism and occupation of that nation. The Soviet Union ought to be reminded constantly that it has violated the independence and sovereignty of a peace-loving people who had done no harm to it and wanted to be left alone to live in peace and stability. The Soviet Union should also be made to pay an ever-increasing price for its invasion through enhanced aid to the Afghan Mujahideen who are fighting the world's mightiest and most brutal war machine.

The repercussion of the invasion, if it goes unpunished, will be even more serious as Pakistan is destabilized by the Soviets and their henchmen by way of punishing it for welcoming over two million refugees. Nearby states will not be spared Soviet intrigues as it becomes more deeply embroiled in the quagmire of Afghanistan.

President Reagan should be commended for his courageous championship of the poor and downtrodden masses of Afghanistan and his promise of greater aid to help them fight the Soviets although it seems that Reagan himself is about to make a similar mistake nearer home, in El Salvador and Nicaragua, if he is not too careful.

He can also be more courageous and a truly historic leader if he champions the cause of the other victims of stark oppression, occupation and aggression — the Palestinians. They have been evicted from their homeland over 30 years ago, made refugees in several Arab states and have been forced to quit their homes by a constant policy of harassment.

The Israeli occupation of Palestine, Lebanon, Syria and before that, Egypt, would have been either impossible or extremely difficult and costly had not the U.S. supplied Israel with the wherewithal to do so, scores of billions of dollars, some of the world's most murderous weapons and moral and political support unlimited.

A great deal of the Arab and Muslim indignation with the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan has been mixed, even reduced, by the tragic situation in Palestine which continues to smoulder until this day. Only yesterday the occupation forces killed and wounded some of those demanding their freedom. It is not exactly pleasant for the Arabs and the Muslims to remember that the arms, money and military superiority enjoyed by Israel are U.S.-made and exported, almost free of charge.

Saudi Arabian press review

The visit of Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos to the Kingdom, the situation in the occupied West Bank, the world's solidarity with the Muslim people of Afghanistan and the OPEC decision to maintain a ceiling of 18 million barrels per day and keep the \$34 benchmark price were the main topics for editorial comment in Sunday's newspapers.

Dealing with President Marcos' visit to the Kingdom, *Al-Madina* expressed optimism over the encouraging signs for reaching a solution to the issue of Muslims in southern Philippines, following the declaration of good intentions by the leaders of Philippines.

The paper referred to the Kingdom's efforts for solving the problem through the Organization of Islamic Conference and outside the OIC.

It expressed hope that President Marcos' wisdom and reason will help in realizing an honorable and fair solution to the Muslims of southern Philippines.

On the same subject, *Al-Bilad* underlined the Kingdom's concern about the Muslim Filipino issue, which has received the Kingdom's full attention as part of its Islamic responsibility. The paper highlighted the strength of the existing Saudi Arabian-Filipino ties, "which have gained gigantic strides in the economic,

trade and manpower field."

It referred to the aids extended by the Kingdom for building mosques and Islamic institutes and societies in the Philippines and King Khaled's donation of a printing press for the publication of the Holy Quran and its interpretation.

"These aids are the best indicators of the Kingdom's deep concern to back the Muslim Filipinos and promote a good standard of living for them," the paper said.

Expressing confidence in President Marcos, *Al-Bilad* said his talks with King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd will provide a good chance for further strengthening the relations between the two countries.

Dealing with the uprising in the West Bank and the general strike against the Zionist occupation troops, *Al-Riyadh* felt the West Bank revolt clearly reflects the rejection of the Palestinian people of alien entity transplanted by imperialism in the Middle East.

"The demonstrations, strikes and fighting against the Zionist troops emphasize that the Middle East conflict is the outcome of the presence of oppressed people under the yoke of occupation and jungle laws," the paper said.

"The uprising in the West Bank exposes the Israeli lies and aggressive practices against the innocent Arab population," it added.

El Salvador war does not spare journalists

SAN SALVADOR — The hundreds of foreign journalists reporting El Salvador's civil war are suffering casualties along with the army and leftist guerrillas. The deaths of four members of a Dutch radio and television news crew bring to nine the number of journalists killed in the war in the past year.

The armed forces said the four were killed in a clash between troops and guerrillas. The guerrillas accused ultra-rightist groups and the military command of killing them. Friday a three-man Brazilian television crew said they had been shot at by Salvadoran soldiers, but no one was hurt. A four-man British television crew also said they were surrounded but let free by 20 heavily armed men in Santa Rita where the four Dutchmen were killed.

The number of foreign reporters in El Salvador has swollen to 300 in the run-up to March 28 elections which the government hopes will help end the fighting, estimated to have caused 30,000 deaths in two years. Correspondents attempting to cover the fighting and contact guerrilla groups are moving back and forth along the constantly changing lines of fighting, risking attack from both sides.

So as to be clearly identified by the warring factions most of the journalists plaster press signs on the windcreens of their hire cars, taxis and even motor scooters. The government has also been issuing the press corps with credentials asking for special facilities to be granted wherever they go.

Following the four deaths last Wednesday it warned journalists, for their own safety, not to go into areas out of military control. Besides the credentials, some of the journalists wear dark blue shirts emblazoned with bright yellow letters reading, in Spanish: "I am a journalist. Don't shoot."

Others use less effective protection gadgets such as a sugar cane pole to probe for landmines in guerrilla-controlled areas. American journalist John Baughman was using one of these when he touched off a landmine in Cinquera, about 30 kms east of San Salvador, where guerrilla activity has recently intensified.

The erosion broke his left leg in two places and slightly injured American photographer James Nachtwey who was with him on a trip in search of action and to contact the guerrillas.

The North American view that El Salvador is the setting of the battle for Central America is reflected in the fact that American journalists are in the majority here. U.S. television networks are bringing in more film crews as the election date approaches and major American newspapers have assigned experienced writers as well as hiring local help.

In a country where foreign tourism is virtually nonexistent because of the war, the army of reporters, cameramen and photographers have taken over the major hotels and made them their logistical centers in San Salvador. The 500 rooms in the plush Miramonte District Hotel were fully booked two weeks before the elections. Other comfortable hotels are also full or are awaiting a last rush of journalists just before the poll.

"We are doing big business now. It is a pity the reason is the tragedy our country is going through," the general manager of one of the hotels in central San Salvador said.

A hotel telephone operator faced with a barrage of frantic requests complained: "This is extraordinary. Every one of the hotel guests is a journalist and all the overseas calls are urgent. I can't catch up with all the requests." The hotel has only one telex and when big stories break it is the most requested service in the hotel. For the last two weeks the telex operator has been pleading unsuccessfully with harassed journalists near their deadlines not to smoke in her office. (R)

Despite U.S.-Soviet strain, two Germanys cement links

By Robert H. Reid

BONN — While the Reagan administration seeks curbs on East-West trade, the two Germans are nurturing contacts that may lead to the first visit by an East German Communist chief to West Germany. Contacts between West Germany and East Germany have continued and in some cases been accelerated despite the U.S.-Soviet chill which emerged after declaration of martial law in Poland. The contacts include:

The first official meeting between delegations from the West German and East German parliaments which took place Thursday in East Berlin;

A highly publicized visit to East Berlin this week by the leftwing Social Democrat leader from the Saar, Oskar Lafontaine;

— And talks this week in East Berlin and Leipzig between West German Economics Minister Otto Lambdordorf and senior East German officials.

A European diplomat who asked not to be named said the West Germans are "worried about American reaction" to their flourishing trade and contacts with the East. But so far, the concern about offending Washington has not led to any curtailment of ties.

The latest flurry of contacts surrounded last weekend's opening in East Germany of the annual Leipzig Trade Fair. West German newspapers gave extensive coverage to the event, which attracted 780 West German exhibitors, the second largest foreign contingent after the Soviets.

Otto Wolf von Amerongen, president of the West German Industry and Trade Congress, proudly told reporters trade between the two Ger-

man states "is developing rather well" despite economic and political pressures.

Last year, the West Germans sold 6.129 billion marks (about \$2.6 billion) worth of products to the East Germans, while importing 6.349 billion marks (\$2.70 billion) worth of East German goods.

East German Chairman Erich Honecker told West German reporters at Leipzig he expected to visit West Germany this year. It would be the first such visit by an East German party chief to West Germany since the two states were established in 1949. West German television networks showed the beaming Honecker meeting with the mayor of the West German town of Wicbelskirchen, where the East German leader was born and reared.

The mayor invited Honecker to visit his hometown, located a few miles northeast of Saarbrücken, if he comes to West Germany. Chancellor Helmut Schmidt visited East Germany last December, departing as Polish troops began cracking down on the Solidarity union.

In contrast to the reporting from Leipzig, scant attention was paid by the West German press to the arrival in Bonn that same day of a U.S. delegation led by Undersecretary of State James Buckley.

Buckley had been dispatched to Europe to urge the allies to tighten credit restrictions on the Soviet bloc in wake of the crackdown in Poland. The West Germans said later that the talks with Buckley had been "friendly" but gave no indication he had won them over.

The difference in media attention between the East German fair and the U.S. diplomatic visit underscores the gulf separating American and West German views of dealings with the Soviet bloc.

West Germany, which is the leading Western trading partner of every Soviet bloc state, has resisted U.S. pressure to impose tough economic sanctions on Poland and the Soviet Union over martial law. The situation is complicated further by the unique division of what had been one nation into two states — one in the Western camp and the other in the Eastern — following World War II.

Germany in both states share the same language and cultural heritage, and in many cases maintain close family ties. East Germany's Honecker has close relatives in the West, and West Germany's vice chancellor and foreign minister, Hans-Dietrich Genscher, was born and reared in what is now the East.

In hope of reunification, the West German provisional constitution of 1949 does not recognize nationality differences among Germans. The two states maintain missions in one another's capital but do not formally recognize one another.

West German politicians frequently defend their lack of interest in pursuing tough policies against the Soviet bloc by saying such measures would cause problems for "our fellow Germans in the East."

Officially, the East Germans maintain the two states are irrevocably divided just as German-speaking Austria is a sovereign state.

At the same time, the East Germans have been willing to exploit the unique relationship to their advantage. For example, the West Germans do not view their trade with East Germany as "foreign," allowing Eastern products to enter the West German and Western European markets without heavy tariffs.

The East Germans can also take advantage of an interest-free credit which the West Germans extended to encourage trade. The credit amounts to about 850 million marks, or around \$362 million, but is due to expire in June. The West Germans say they expect human rights concessions from East Germany before renewing the credit.

Upon the return Friday from East Germany, the 12 Social Democrat parliamentarians told reporters in Munich that the East Germans indicated their interest in expanding cooperation in such fields as cultural exchanges, sports and protection of the environment. There is also evidence that the East Germans, like many West Germans, would like to see the inner-German relationship develop regardless of the political climate between their rival "protecting powers" — the United States and the Soviet Union. (AP)

Today is Monday, March 22nd, the 81st day of 1982. There are 284 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:
1622 — About 35 Virginians are killed in first Indian massacre of European colonists in North America.

1765 — English Parliament passes stamp act to raise revenue in American colonies.

1917 — The United States becomes first nation to recognize provisional government in Russia.

1945 — Arab League is founded in Cairo, Egypt.

1946 — Britain recognizes independence of Trans-Jordan.

1962 — Right-wing French terrorists attack government forces in Algiers.

1963 — The United States attempts to mediate political dispute that threatens civil war in South Vietnam.

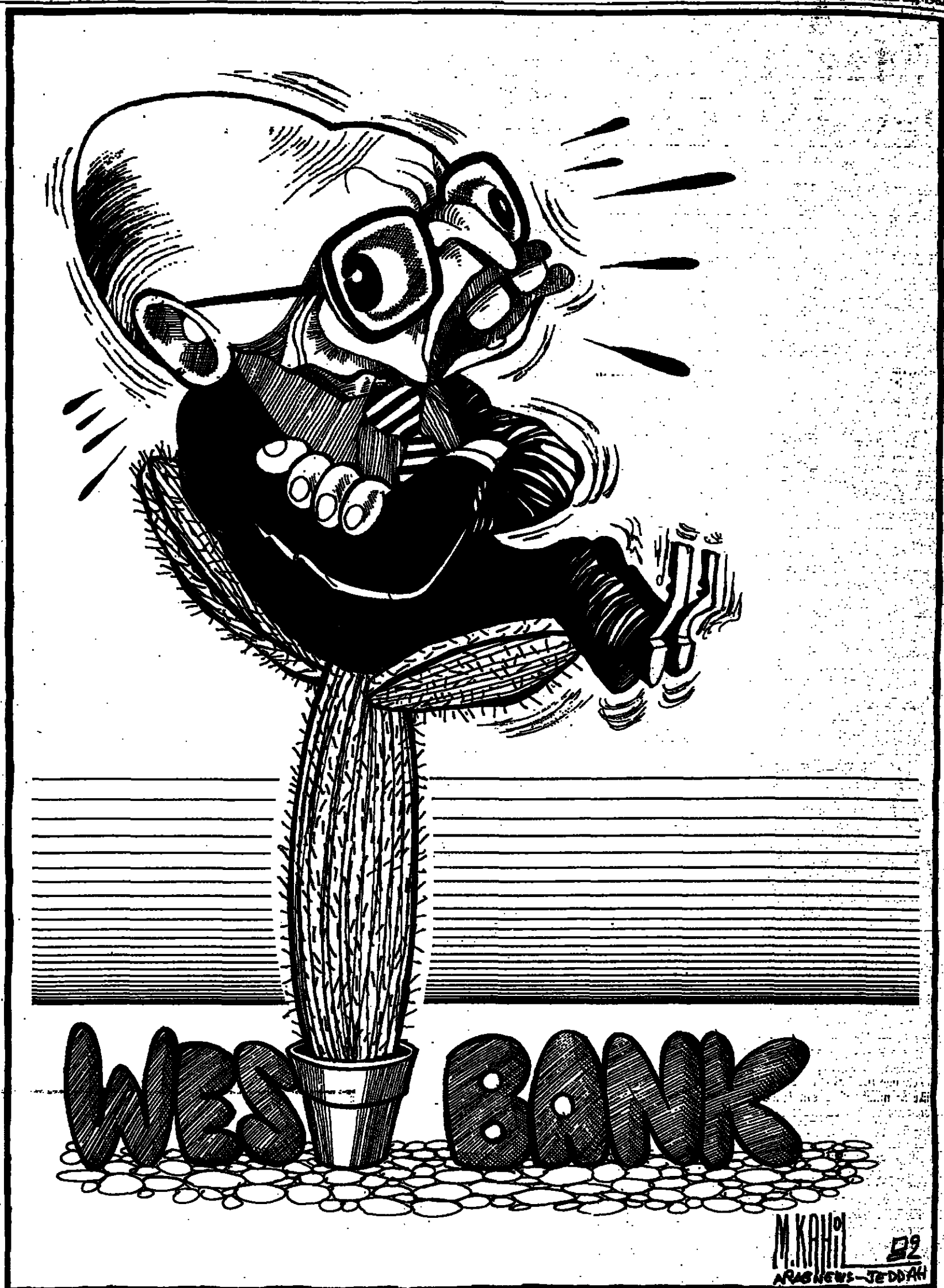
1972 — More than 70 people in Belfast, Northern Ireland, are injured when bomb explodes in parking lot between city's largest hotel and a railway station.

1975 — U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger says he is suspending efforts to get agreement between Israel and Egypt over the Sinai Desert because the rift between the two countries is too great.

1978 — Karl Wallenda, founder of the "Great Wallendas" high-wire troupe, is killed in fall from high wire strung between two beachfront hotels in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

1981 — Polish labor leaders, following inconclusive talks with government, hold open possibility of general strike in response to police attacks on union members during previous week.

Thought for today:
A man must not swallow more beliefs than he can digest — Havelock Ellis, U.S. psychologist (1859-1939).



N.Y. threatens \$10.6m budget cut

'Met' always ignored politics, Jewish pressure causes change

NEW YORK, (R) — Until recently no American institution has been more adept at handling the delicate politics of culture than New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, known as the "Met." Ignoring political dividing lines, it once coaxed the Kremlin into lending it Russia's rarest icons and even Catherine the Great's wedding dress.

It also convinced Ireland to part briefly with the country's most prized work of art, and from Egypt it won permission to show King Tutankhamen's treasures.

But recently the Met has been embroiled in an international controversy that led Israel to accuse it of playing politics and New York Mayor Edward Koch to charge the museum with suffering "political hallucinations."

The uproar prompted some museum members to quit and caused the New York City Council to take a first step toward removing \$10.6 million a year subsidy.

The cause of all the fuss was the disclosure that the museum, after four and a half years of negotiations, has refused to be the sponsor of an exhibition of Israel's archaeological treasures including the Dead Sea scrolls.

The museum's reasons for its refusal struck a raw nerve in this city whose large Jewish population strongly supports cultural institutions like the Met and, on the other hand, takes any rejection of Israel as a personal slight.

The Met said it could not directly sponsor the show since many items would come from the former Rockefeller Museum in occupied Jerusalem which the museum called "disputed territory." It said to do so would involve the Met in politics.

The Met also claimed that sponsoring the exhibit posed a major security risk, although

it was willing to show the same exhibit if it were sponsored by the government-funded Smithsonian Institute.

While former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, the most prominent Jewish member of the Met's board of trustees, agreed with the museum's stand not to involve itself in Middle East politics, a huge outcry followed over what critics claimed was the museum's tangled logic and implicit antisemitism.

Security was never a public issue when the museum sponsored exhibits from Arab nations, the Soviet Union or China — countries from which thousands have sought refuge in New York and actively protest against their former homelands.

William Macomber, the Met's president and a former state department official in Jordan and Turkey, said that if the Met directly sponsored the show, it would be making foreign policy.

He said: "We did feel, in consulting knowledgeable people on our board, that we couldn't have an Israel show that was predominantly made up of things from disputed territories."

"I said the best thing was for us to take the Smithsonian show, organized by the U.S. government."

The Smithsonian, which is partly government-funded, later protested that it was not an arm of the U.S. government.

Macomber's comments drew attacks from Israel, which said only a small part of the proposed show came from the occupied West Bank, and from Mayor Koch, an outspoken Israeli supporter.

The mayor wrote Met Board Chairman

Douglas Dillon charging that the museum was being unfair to Israel and subordinating curatorial decisions to "political hallucinations and speculative fears of reprisals by terrorists."

The mayor, who routinely lambasts the United Nations for anti-Israel votes, declared he could not stand idly by if the Met was to be guided by political decisions, "particularly since the city of New York provides financial support to the museum."

That support this year totals \$10.6 million, or 23 percent of the museum's budget.

City hall sources said Koch was particularly angered to learn that a possible reason for the Met's decision was that by sponsoring such an Israeli show, it would endanger the museum's archaeological digs in Arab countries.

A museum spokesman later denied that this was a factor. Dillon, in a letter to the mayor, apologized for the museum's decision and promised to work out a solution "satisfactory to the parties concerned."

He said: "It is clear that however well-intentioned our initial decision, we have inadvertently created a contrary impression and offended and troubled many people."

His letter stopped a move in the New York City Council to begin a hearing on city funding for the museum, which is located on tax-free, city-owned land.

While several Jewish groups hailed Dillon's letter, especially his vow that he and the museum were firmly committed to the idea that "cultural decisions must not be politicized," the Met's action still ruffles several prominent New York Jewish leaders.



RICE FIELD: A farmer with a water buffalo prepares a field for transplanting rice in the traditional way which has been done here for centuries.

India pacing the rest of the area

Asian grain harvest increasing steadily

By Suchin Preecha
BANGKOK (Depthnews) — Asia will enjoy another good foodgrain harvest in the 1981-82 season, predicts the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). While the most populous area of the world is still far from attaining food self-sufficiency in the regional sense, FAO indicates that the stride towards that goal this season is a long one.

The U.N. agency predicts that the 1981 foodgrain output will hit 489.7 million tons to exceed the 473.2 million tons harvest in the last season by 16.5 million tons. Output in 1979 was 471.5 million tons.

Leading factors behind the good harvest are favorable climate and intensified efforts of Asian governments to increase yields of their agricultural sectors through modern farming methods and more access of the

small farmers to production loans.

End of the monsoon season last October was followed by seasonably dry weather, greatly aiding the harvesting of rice and coarse grain crops in a majority of the countries in the region, reports FAO.

FAO findings indicate India is pacing the rest of the region in increased production of cereal crops. Its harvest is estimated to reach 177.8 million tons, or 3.9 million tons more than the 1980 crop of 113.9 million tons and quite a remarkable rise from the 1979 output of 105.2 million tons.

China, on the other hand, will not be able to equal its 1979 record of 248.3 million tons of foodgrains since the FAO 1981 forecast is 242.5 million tons. However, it will be 3.9 million tons higher than its 1980 harvest of 235.4 million tons.

The FAO grain forecast for China this

season suggests that Beijing will have to continue importing cereal to fill the shortfall in domestic production.

Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal and South Korea, according to FAO, had adequate monsoon rains last October benefitting their grain crops.

A gray area is Bangladesh. It is suffering from persistent drought and should such a situation continue, even its secondary rice and wheat crops would be affected, says FAO.

Floods caused damage to standing crops in Kampuchea, the Philippines and Thailand. The first will need international assistance to ease an expected severe shortage of food this year while the other two will nevertheless increase their foodgrain production compared to 1980, according to FAO's assessment.

Open asylum rule worries Italians

By James Walston

ROME (LOS) — The law that opened the doors of Italy's mental hospitals, releasing thousands of disturbed and deranged patients on to the streets, faces radical modification only three years after it was passed. A Republican Member of Parliament, Vittorio Olcese, is to introduce a bill to modify the 1978 law, allowing commitment to one of four centers for reasons of health or public order.

Olcese has been campaigning for a year to change the law on mental illness, which like so much of recent Italian legislation, presents a sorry contrast between progressive intentions and haphazard implementation.

It was introduced after a campaign by the Gorizia psychiatrist Franco Basaglia. "He wanted to get rid of the mental hospital and he succeeded. It seemed an impossible enterprise, utopian, but he made it," said a former colleague.

Asylums have not been abolished, but their doors have been opened. Except in a few cases, there is no compulsory commitment to a mental hospital. A patient may commit or dismiss himself at will, whatever his condition.

In theory there is medical and practical support for those who do not want to stay in hospital; in practice, this means that either the family looks after the patient or no one does, both alternatives have produced disastrous results.

"The other day they found Franco's bones; he'd been eaten by the weasels, poor child. Some months ago he left the hospital and disappeared; he was an imbecile full of goodness but he'd decided to go and there was nothing to be done," said Mario Tobino, who worked for 40 years in the Lucca mental hospital.

Then there was the psychotic who threw a five-year-old child into the River Arno because he was too heavy to be carried. The reformers call this "the price of getting rid of the asylums," but you know what the older staff say when another ex-patient commits suicide? "They've cured another one."

It is not only the patients who suffer. Last month in Brescia, the mother of a 25-year-old schizophrenic jumped out of a fourth floor window because she couldn't cope with her son and he wouldn't stay in hospital. The father took his son to the hospital: "Look after him for a few hours, I'll be back," he said, then threw himself under a train.

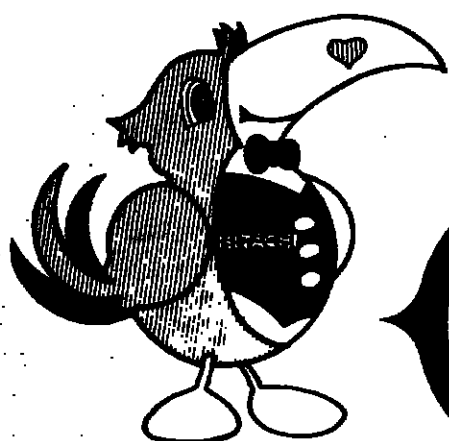
Ministry of Health figures show that since the reform 18,000 patients have left mental hospitals, leaving another 30,000 still inside.

The purpose of the reform was twofold: To stop the abuse of forced certification in which inconvenient members of the family might be committed against their will and left in asylums; and to rehabilitate patients who were not seriously ill by reintroducing them to normal life.

Before 1978 conditions in many hospitals were horrifying, especially in the south. The asylum in Reggio Calabria was closer to a scene by Hogarth than to a modern psychiatric institution. Patients were in wards of a dozen or more beds with perhaps a space of 6 ft by 3 ft to themselves apart from the bed itself. Floors were stone, heating and sanitation minimal.

Other institutions, like the notorious hospital at Bisceglie in Apulia, were not even open to visitors. Care was minimal and treatment included brutality.

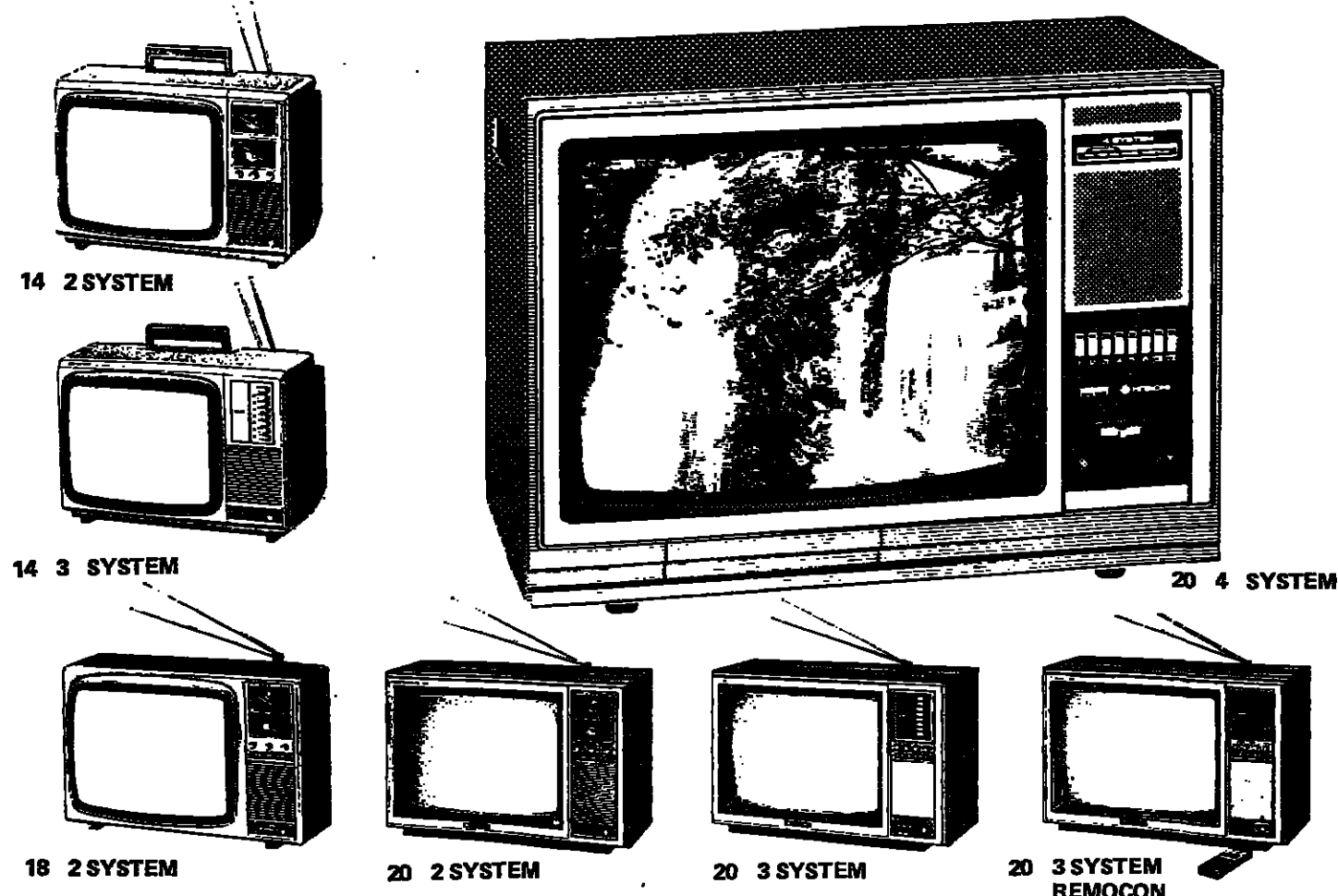
In comparison with these horror stories, recent developments have shown the positive side of the reform. Last August when a concert was held at Santa Maria della Pietà in Rome, public and patients mixed easily and happily, a thing unheard of in the past. And in Basaglia's home town of Gorizia patients may live and work freely in or outside open clinics.



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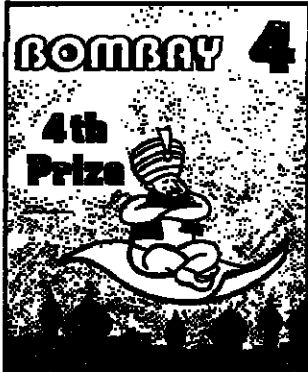
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From data to knowledge processors

Futuristic thinking, talking computers could revolutionize global technology

By William Sexton

TOKYO (LAT) — Tohru Moto-Oka's career spans the rise of Japan Inc. from the ashes of World War II. When he was 22 and a student at the University of Tokyo, banker's son Moto-Oka helped build the first Japanese computer, a comparative simpleton named Tac. That was in 1952.

When he was 30, he patented the numerical control system that started Japan's robot-builders toward their newly established world lead. That was in 1960.

Today, at 52, he's working on what could be the ultimate in earth-bound technology: A machine that thinks and talks and will take over such jobs as translating foreign languages, drawing blueprints or writing programs for its less intelligent computer ancestors.

Moto-Oka's brainchild is called the "Fifth-generation computer" system. The Japanese government is dead serious about building it as the centerpiece in its global technology offensive for the 1990s. A national 10-year project is to get under way April 1 with sponsorship from the powerful Ministry of International Trade and Industry and a \$50-million first-year appropriation from the national treasury.

When Tokyo's latter-day Manhattan project has formally unveiled at an international

scientific conference in October, Moto-Oka said he was told that American scientists had sketched out a similar undertaking for the United States but were flatly turned down by economy-minded government and industry. Japan now has the field to itself.

As Moto-Oka explains it is his unassuming classroom at the University of Tokyo, computers have made little progress since their conception 35 years ago. They still are capable only of counting and filing. The improvements have been in hardware, bringing down size and cost and tremendously improved speed. Even so, after four generations (from vacuum tubes to transistors, then integrated circuits and now very large scale integrated circuits) computers are still "data processors."

Moto-Oka's team of 50 researchers from government, industry and academia seeks to build a "knowledge processor," a machine that can manipulate facts and ideas, make inferences and deductions and then answer question and problems with the same speed and accuracy with which a fourth-generation computer adds up bank balances.

Even reduced to the barest outline, the project is mind-boggling.

As sketched by Moto-Oka's 20-member steering committee, the first three years will encompass three subtasks. One team will design a data-flow computer system capable

of breaking down complex logic tasks, and sending portions to be processed simultaneously in an array of separate individual computers.

The second will attempt to contrive an "inference function machine." Resembling the central processing unit of a present-day computer, this would digest facts and infer conclusions on their meaning. The third team will blueprint a "relational data base" — the storehouse of knowledge to fuel the inference function machine, much as the memory serves today's data processors.

In a translation application, an English text and its Japanese equivalent could be fed to the inference function machine via optical character readers. By comparing the two texts, Japanese and English, the machine would create its own dictionary, store the new knowledge in the relational data base, and then stand ready to answer people's questions via the voice recognition system developed in another trade ministry program.

Phase one, through 1984, will spend only government money and all the work will be in Japanese hands, Moto-Oka said. But the results will be published and foreign as well as corporate participation invited for phase two (1985-88), the design of actual subsystems, and phase three (1989-91), integrating the overall system.

IS IT STOMACH UPSET OR APPENDICITIS?



STOP KILLING YOURSELF

By Peter J.

Steincrohn

M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I'm still alive. It's needless to say I'm happy. I might have died of peritonitis. My doctor overlooked appendicitis. Thankfully, he was the kind of doctor willing to ask for consultation. The surgeon advised operation, although I had few symptoms of appendicitis.

All I complained of originally was loss of my appetite and a little discomfort in my stomach. No pain. I had no fever. Even my pulse was normal.

My doctor suggested some antacids and prescribed a tranquilizer. But when my discomfort persisted for two days, he became suspicious and sent me to the surgeon.

He found some tenderness in my right side that hadn't been there before. He operated. He found peritonitis. Fortunately, appendicitis isn't an ancient, rare disease. Always suspect it when an upset stomach hangs on. — Mrs. M.

Dear Mrs. M.: We appreciate your letter offering help for others. Appendicitis is one of the most common reasons for surgery in the United States. Overlooked, it may cause pain and suffering due to the complication: peritonitis.

Delay in operating is what endangers the patient. It allows time for the swollen, inflamed appendix to rupture. As in your case, Mrs. M., symptoms and signs may remain equivocal. Sometimes the doctor must operate in the absence of typical symptoms and signs such as severe pain, right-sided tenderness, nausea, vomiting, fever, rapid pulse.

There's the possibility of removing a healthy, normal appendix

sometimes, rather than delay the decision whether or not to operate — when the attack is unusual.

In a recent report by Dr. Don E. Detmer of the University of Wisconsin, 2,375 cases of acute appendicitis were evaluated. There were four deaths in the entire group. Some 14 percent of appendices removed were normal; more in women than in men. The rupture rate was 13.4 percent. The average hospital stay for appendicitis was 5.4 days; for those with ruptured appendices, the stay was 10.2 days.

MEDICALITIES
(Replies to and from readers):

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I've been told that aspirin should not be taken by patients who have a history of asthma — and certainly should not be given during an asthma attack.

Our two children, ages 4 and 6, have had infrequent asthma attacks. I often give them tablets of Tylenol (acetaminophen) for fever and headache. Does this cause the same reaction as aspirin? — Mrs. C.

Dear Mrs. C.: Aspirin is an entirely different drug: acetyl salicylic acid which causes reactions in patients allergic to it. Usually, acetaminophen can be taken without trouble.

For Mrs. K.: Myocardial infarction (not infraction) is usually due to closing off of a coronary artery by a clot — coronary thrombosis — causing death of a portion of the heart muscle. Either term is used to designate a heart attack.

Tomorrow: Age in the treatment of Hypertension.

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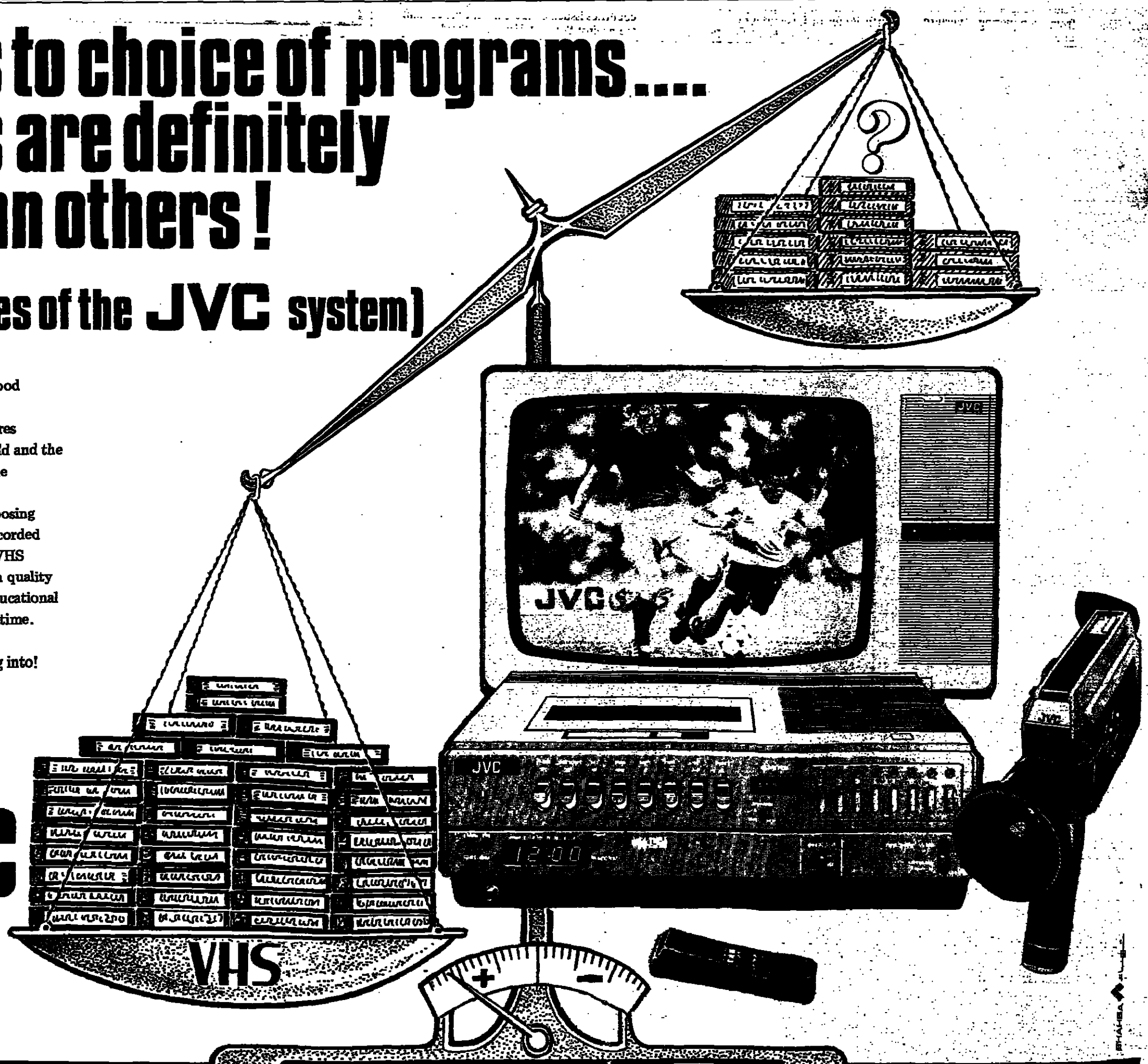
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U.S. poll favors freeze of N-arms

WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP) — Americans would vote for a freeze on nuclear weapons by a 3 to 2 margin if it were on local ballots in their areas, a new poll has indicated. The Reagan administration has taken the opposite position, arguing that a freeze would leave the Soviet Union with marked superiority in Europe.

Despite that contrast, poll respondents support Reagan's conduct of foreign policy and believe the United States should get tougher with the Soviets. Majorities of those polled don't even want to think about nuclear war with the Soviet Union, don't want to survive it and believe it would end civilization there and in the United States. The poll was conducted by *The Los Angeles Times* and Cable News Network (CNN). A copy was released in Washington Saturday.

Some 1,500 Americans were asked by telephone between March 14 and March 17 whether they would vote for a proposition that would "urge the U.S. government to propose to the government of the Soviet Union that both countries agree to immediately halt the testing, production and further deployment of all of nuclear weapons, missiles and delivery systems in a way that can be checked and verified by both sides." That is the wording used in a question scheduled to appear on the November ballot in California.

Fifty-seven percent said they would vote for such a proposition, or be inclined to vote for it, and 37 percent said they would vote against or would lean toward voting against.

More than 140 members of Congress have supported resolutions calling for a nuclear weapons freeze in one form or another. Local governments in several parts of the country have adopted similar resolutions.

Opponents and supporters of nuclear power backed a nuclear weapons freeze in about equal proportions: 65 percent of the anti-nuclear power respondents and 60 percent of those believing more nuclear power plants should be built.

The president's conduct of foreign policy was supported by 52 percent, with 33 percent opposed. The last time the question was asked by the *Times-CNN* poll in January, 55 percent approved and 24 percent disapproved.

Among the other findings of the poll: 55 percent do not want to think about nuclear war; 53 percent "would not want to survive an all-out nuclear war"; 60 percent believe such a war would end civilization in the United States and the Soviet Union; 60 percent believe a U.S.-Soviet war would turn into an all-out nuclear war; 57 percent would oppose use of nuclear weapons to keep the Soviet Union from conquering Western Europe with its army.

China mayor chided for puff

PEKING, March 21 (AP) — Delegates have criticized Peking Mayor Jiao Ruoyu for ignoring "no smoking" signs and smoking on the presiding officers' platform during a municipal People's Congress session, the *People's Daily* reported Sunday.

The Communist Party newspaper said one delegate complained: "The leaders make the law but don't respect it. This is too undignified." Jiao replied: "The delegates' criticism is correct and I certainly will reform. If leading officials do not set an example, this is no small matter." At the next session, the paper said, cigarettes and ash trays had been removed and nobody at the leaders' table smoked.

In London, the state-run railroad network said Sunday that — smoking is to be banned in all restaurant and buffet cars on Britain's railways within the next few weeks, after a six-month trial in the western region last year. "We received only one let-

ter of complaint from a passenger, and we concluded that the ban was generally appreciated by our customers," a spokesman said.

He said the fall in the number of people smoking is shown in non-smoking cars being more crowded than smoking cars. Bars in the refreshment cars will continue to sell cigarettes and cigars but they may only be smoked in the dwindling number of smoking cars. These now make up about 40 percent of long-distance trains and 25 percent on commuter lines.

Transgressors will be liable to a fine of up to 50 pounds (\$90), British Rail said. Anti-smoking propaganda by health authorities and the government has been intense in recent years, with national poster and advertising campaigns and compulsory printing of warnings on cigarette packages that smoking may damage health.

Curfew ordered in India cities

NEW DELHI, March 21 (AP) — Muslim-Hindu rioting and arson flared Saturday in the northern Indian city of Aligarh, prompting the imposition of a dusk-to-dawn curfew, as scattered Christian-Hindu violence continued for the 20th straight day in the southernmost district of Kanyakumari, reports said.

In Baroda, western India, riot police and paramilitary troops patrolled the curfew-bound streets Saturday but hit-and-run attacks between Hindus and Muslims reportedly continued. A total curfew was ordered in the city after two persons were

knifed to death in bloody rioting Friday night. Authorities reported that 60 persons were arrested Saturday on rioting and looting charges at Baroda, in India's Gujarat state. Police fired tear gas canisters at two places to quell arson, officials said.

The United News of India reported that violence erupted in Aligarh after a fruit seller was shot to death. The predominantly Muslim city is 120 kms southeast of New Delhi. Rival community mobs reportedly fought running street battles in Aligarh with firebombs, guns, rocks and bricks. A man was shot and seriously wounded, UNI said.

Zimbabweans to get army training

MUCHAKATA, Zimbabwe, March 21 (Agencies) — Zimbabwe Prime Minister Robert Mugabe Saturday declared that all able men in the country would undergo military training by the end of the year.

Addressing supporters of his ruling Zimbabwe African National Union (Patriotic Front) in Muchakata village, Victoria province, Mugabe said the men would receive military training at weekends. Mugabe, who is on a tour of the southern Zimbabwe province, did not say whether the training would be voluntary or compulsory.

The prime minister has often said he favored raising people's militias to meet the

threat of aggression from neighboring white-ruled South Africa. Zimbabwe has a standing army of 60,000 men.

"We have enemies in South Africa who are trying to destroy us. You never know when the enemy will strike," he added. Mugabe said the training would concentrate on the country's youths who would go to camps where they would also be taught agricultural and technical skills to help develop the country.

The prime minister also said the farms his government seized from the party of minority leader Joshua Nkomo would be used for government resettlement projects.

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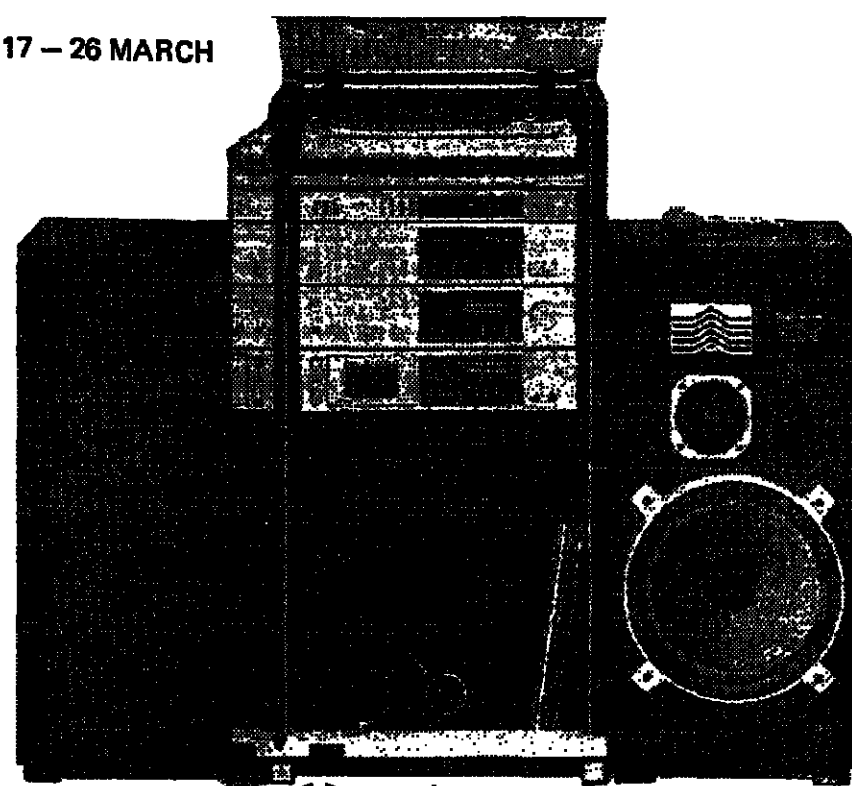
LUXEMBOURG, (AFP) — As Europe's royalty looked on, Prince Nicolas of Liechtenstein married his childhood sweetheart, Princess Margaretha of Luxembourg, Saturday in a ceremony joining the bloodlines of two of the continent's tiniest principalities. The bride, fourth child of the Grand Duke Jean and Duchess Josephine Charlotte of Luxembourg, and the groom, third son of Prince Franz Josef II and Princess Gina of Liechtenstein, were wedded in a civil ceremony officiated by deputy mayor Lydia Wurth-Polfer of Luxembourg.

LONDON, (R) — Hard-line Protestants

held rallies in England and Scotland Saturday to protest Pope John Paul's planned visit to Britain in May.

UNITED NATIONS, (AP) — Mayors Edward Koch of New York City, Andrew Young of Atlanta, Georgia, Al Gleason of London and Dimitri Bays of Athens have all signed an appeal to South Africa to free political prisoners. A U.N. committee reported Saturday night. Their names were on a list of over 1,400 mayors of communities in 32 countries issued by the U.N. special committee against South African apartheid.

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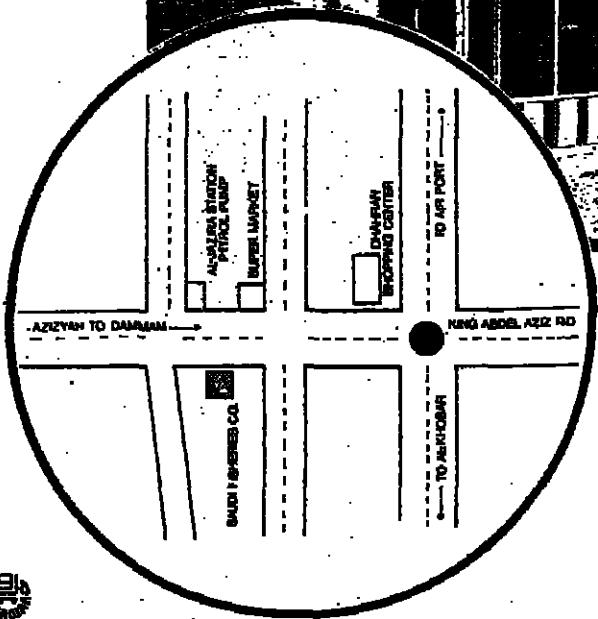


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Reagan vetoes bill on allocation of fuel

WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan, maintaining that Americans have been hurt by past efforts to allocate fuel supplies, vetoed a bill Saturday that would have given him power to allot crude oil supplies and impose price controls in cases of severe shortages.

"We must recognize that an interruption of a significant portion of foreign energy supplies...will involve real costs," Reagan said in a written message to the Senate. "No magic federal plan can simply make them go away."

It was Reagan's second veto since he took office in January 1981, his first was cast last Nov. 23 against an emergency spending bill

that he said was too costly.

Reagan said he sympathized with the idea of trying to prepare for energy disruptions, but insisted it was invalid to assume that "giving the federal government the power to allocate and set prices will result in an equitable and orderly response to a supply interruption."

"We can all still recall that sincere efforts to allow bureaucratic allocation of fuel supplies actually harmed our citizens and economy, adding to inequity and turmoil," Reagan said without elaborating. "Further, the threat of such controls will discourage the very steps that are needed to provide real protection against such emergencies."

Malnutrition hits Vietnamese

HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam, March 21 (AFP) — Three-fourths of the children in Ho Chi Minh City suffer from at least minimal malnutrition, through economic difficulties as well as hygiene deficiencies, according to the city's deputy health director.

Seven years after the reunification of the country, malnutrition still exists and 44 percent of those affected are believed to be children of party or government cadres. "At least

75 percent of the children suffer from first-degree malnutrition here", said the deputy head of the city health service.

These children reach only 80 percent of the World Health Organization's age/weight standard.

Malnutrition, partially resolved in Northern Vietnam, is closely linked to the bad economic situation and also to the problem of individual and collective hygienic problem in the urban areas, the official noted.

According to a study by a research center, the most undernourished children (90 percent) came in 1978-79 from the new economic zones and rural areas. The figure has now dropped to 39 percent.

According to Dr. Duong Quynh Hoa, the head of the research center, malnutrition is increasingly affecting younger children. In 1979, 15 percent of undernourished children were under six years of age. Today the figure is 24 percent.

In addition to its laboratory work, the center supervises four day care centers and runs a rehabilitation clinic for the undernourished. The clinic, which has 70 beds, treats children under three for a period of three months.

China setting up solar study center

HONG KONG, March 21 (AFP) — China has started constructing a solar energy research and education center in northwest Guanying province, New China News Agency has reported.

In a report monitored here Saturday, the agency said the center located in Guanying, 53 kms (30 miles) southeast of Lanzhou, will serve as a model base for solar energy techniques in heating and cooling construction of the center to be done in two phases, is expected to be completed by the end of 1986.

Australia set to press for global tin pact

KUALA LUMPUR, March 21 (AFP) — Australia has promised to approach British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt over their participation in the sixth International Tin Agreement (ITA).

The Australian deputy prime minister, Douglas Anthony, said here Saturday that Australia would also use its influence on the United States to sign the sixth ITA before the deadline of April 30.

Australia, he said, would use its influence on the two countries to urge other European countries to accept the new agreement.

Anthony noted that his country had, at the request of Malaysia, exercised influence "to some effect" on the United States over its participation in the fifth ITA.

"We would certainly try again," he added, referring to the U.S. decision to stay out on the sixth ITA.

Anthony, who flew in here late Friday on a four-day visit, also held talks with Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Musa Hitam on bilateral relations and regional developments. They touched on ways to step up trade and economic relations between Malaysia and Australia.

Britain bus fares raised by 100%

LONDON, March 21 (AFP) — After having dropped by 32 percent last fall, London underground (subway) and city bus fares were doubled Sunday as a result of a controversial supreme court decision.

The court ruled recently that the Greater London Council's decision to subsidize city public transports, bringing about the 32 percent price reduction, was illegal. This resulted in an automatic 100 percent increase.

Ruling led to a furor among the opposition Labor Party and London residents, sparking off a 24 hour transport strike 10 days ago.

Exploitation of alien labor rampant in U.S.

NEW YORK, March 21 (R) — Thousands of foreigners, drawn to the United States by promises of the good life, are being forced to work against their will for little or no wages by threats of violence or deportation.

They have been sewing shirts in clothes factories, serving meals at Beverly Hills mansions, and caring for the children of Washington diplomats.

The bulk, according to labor rights groups, are migrant farm workers. Their transient lifestyles, remote job sites and low social status make them easy prey for contractors seeking cheap harvesting crews.

The extent of the problem is uncalculated, but unofficial estimates suggest that from 10,000 to as many as 100,000 people, including Haitian refugees, illegal Mexican immigrants and smuggled Indonesians, are unlawfully forced to work each year.

An official recently said the government was investigating 25 peonage (agricultural servitude) and other forced labor cases in the United States. But some civil rights advocates accuse the government of lax enforcement of century-old statutes outlawing forced labor of any type.

Prosecutors and other lawyers say worker ignorance and fear make violations hard to prove. "It happens in a number of ways," said George Carr, a lawyer in Maryland, who specializes in cases involving farm workers, "(but it relies on despera-

tion...people left destitute, leaving home without money."

The Workers Defense League, a New York-based labor rights group, said in a 35-page report that refugees and destitute Americans are pulled into peonage in various ways, but much is organized around the smuggling of illegal aliens.

In some instances, labor contractors "purchase" groups of smuggled workers for the price of their transportation and oblige them — sometimes through beatings and guard dogs — to harvest crops until their debt is satisfied.

The wage rate promised workers is frequently unilaterally reduced and the debt enlarged by charging exorbitant fees for transportation, housing, food and other items. "They take them to an isolated place, cut them off from the outside, and then overcharge them," Carr said.

Jose Corona, a Mexican smuggled into the United States, told a press conference sponsored by the Workers League that he spent two months of 13-hour days picking oranges to repay a \$200 transportation fee before escaping penitence.

Indebted aliens are occasionally passed from contractor to contractor, working for months without pay. "Despotes over terms...are always resolved to the employer's advantage, either by use of violence or by a call to the immigration and naturalization service and subsequent deportation

without payment," the report said.

The league report quotes an American who said he was offered a drink by a driver in Raleigh, North Carolina, fell asleep in the man's car, and awoke to find himself forced to work for several weeks at a farm 350 miles (560 km) from home.

Federal prosecutors in North Carolina claimed that three men sentenced last month after being convicted of running a "slave camp" were involved in a conspiracy luring men from New York and other east coast cities with promises of good pay.

Hugh Brantley, an attorney with farm-worker legal services in Rochester, New York, said many recruited by unscrupulous labor contractors were mentally feeble or alcoholics. "Violence happens," said Carr, "but not as crew leaders threaten. They create a climate of fear."

Two defendants in the North Carolina case were convicted of helping kill a worker who fell and died while being forced to work for wages as low as \$2.50 a week.

During the trial, men from four states testified they had been beaten, threatened and prevented from leaving. They said they worked from dawn to dusk seven days a week and were grossly overcharged for cigarettes and poor food.

The Workers Defense League said forced labor occurs in other economic sectors, typically in occupations requiring few skills such as light industry and housekeeping.

India strikes oil

NEW DELHI, March 21 (AP) — India's state-run Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) announced that it has discovered rich deposits of crude oil and natural gas in the Broach district of the western Indian state of Gujarat.

The oil and gas were found at a depth of 1,450 meters (4,785 feet) in Aasta village, 275 kilometers (170 miles) due north of Bombay, the ONGC said. It described the well as "commercially viable" but gave no further details.

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Repercussions feared

Japan, U.S. aviation talks fail

TOKYO, March 21 (AFP) — Japan would retaliate on any possible reprisals by the United States in connection with their bilateral aviation talks which broke down in San Francisco, Japanese transport minister has said.

Tokusaburo Kosaka told newsmen the two countries need a "cooling-off" period before resuming the talks and that there is "no need whatsoever" for Japan to make any unreasonable concessions.

Japan has been trying to revise the bilateral civil air transport agreement which, it claims, contains inequalities.

Foreign ministry sources feared that the rupture might develop into a serious political issue between the two countries.

Major points of contention are Japan's request for "beyond rights" to fly to Latin America beyond Los Angeles and an American demand that United Airlines (UA) be

allowed to fly into Japan.

Japan proposed that the U.S. permit Japan Air Lines cargo flights to Chicago without conditions in return for UA's flights into Japan. But the U.S. rejected the proposal.

The U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) sanctioned the Japanese flag carrier in December in reprisal for the Japanese government's refusal to grant permission for Seattle/Portland-Tokyo flights by UA. As part of its sanctions, the CAB has withheld a decision on the beyond rights for Japan.

Under the air accord, JAL may fly from two Japanese points and at seven points in the U.S., while American airline companies may fly from 13 U.S. points and land at three

points in Japan. American planes may also fly beyond Japanese points to any third country, while Japanese planes may go to Europe only by way of San Francisco and New York.

Meanwhile, differences over trade between the United States and Japan together with security issues appear certain to dominate talks starting Monday between senior U.S. officials and Japanese Foreign Minister Yoshio Sakuruchi.

U.S. officials said Sakuruchi, on his first foreign trip since his appointment in November, will meet Secretary of State Alexander Haig and probably President Reagan during two days of talks.

Tanker rates touch new low

LONDON, March 21 (AFP) — Tanker rates slumped to their lowest since 1969 this week, as business quieted down on eve of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) meeting in Vienna.

Shippers hoped that some clear-cut policy would emerge from the meeting that would stabilize market conditions and encourage increased liftings.

While several very large crude carriers (VLCCs) obtained employment in the Gulf area, it was obvious that owners were willing to accept any rate to get way from the region.

Sabena workers face 17% pay cut

BRUSSELS, March 21 (AP) — Sabena Airlines, Belgium's state-owned air carrier, has asked its staff to take wage cuts of up to 17 percent to help the nearly bankrupt company save one billion francs (\$21 million) this year. The proposed cuts for the 10,000 Sabena workers were part of a series of austerity measures announced by Sabena President Carlos van Rafeleghem.

He said flight staff will have to take compulsory retirement at age 55. He asked the government to raise Sabena's capital and to cut some points from its European network and said he will encourage non-flight employees to take early retirement.

But he added, "I cannot ask my staff to do this (accept a wage cut and early retirement) if no decisions are immediately taken to give the company proper capital."

Laker says airline plan abandoned

LONDON, March 21 (R) — Sir Freddie Laker, whose cut-price Laker Airways collapsed last month, said he had given up his struggle to start a new airline, at least for the time being.

Instead, he would set up an aviation travel consultancy partnership with the giant Lorrho trading group, he said. Lorrho was among the first companies to try to rescue Laker Airways when it failed with debts of more than 200 million sterling (\$360 million).

Sir Freddie told reporters that cash would have been available for the new airline but said it had proved impossible to get the project moving quickly enough because of regulations in the industry.

"We have worked hard for a new airline, but it is not to be," he said. He added that he might consider a return to the airline business if the time were ripe.

Sir Freddie, a pioneer of cheap trans-Atlantic air travel, had hoped to extend his no-frills Skytrain service to Europe and eventually around the world.

Sir Freddie had hoped to get his new airline off the ground in April but delays in the granting of new licenses caused by rules governing civil aviation and objections by rival airlines forced him to drop his plans.

Financial Roundup

Riyal rates remain stable

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, March 21 — With the European markets closed Sunday, local dealers reported another quiet trading day in line with Saturday's activities, but with riyal deposit rates remaining firm. Closing levels were not much different from morning opening levels with the one-month JIBOR bid-offer rate standing at around 14-14 1/2 percent and the one-year at 13 1/2-14 percent levels. Most activity concentrated in the short tenors and overnight funds market, with the latter being bid at 13 percent levels.

The majority of the OBU's — offshore banking units — are generally in active Sundays but some quoted firm dollar and riyal dealing rates out of Bahrain. Dollar

one-month rates were quoted at 15 1/4-15 1/2 percent levels while the one-year tenor was quoted at 15 3/16-15 5/16 percent in line with Friday's New York closing levels. The general opinion seemed to be that Eurodollar deposit levels will open relatively firm Monday in Europe with possibilities of a further 1/4 to 1/2 percent rise in rates by mid-week. The latest U.S. weekly M1 money supply figures, which showed a \$400 million fall this Friday seemed to have been completely ignored by the money market.

In the local exchanges, spot riyal/dollar levels were generally quoted at 3.4190-00, which is "normal" for Sundays when traders do not have a feel for the direction in which the dollar is trading in Europe. Commercial demand was steady.

Caracas feels oil glut pinch

CARACAS, March 21 (AP) — Venezuela still has huge untapped reserves of oil, but it is juggling its life styles to cope with the specter of fewer petrodollars.

Since the current world oil glut developed Venezuela has had trouble selling some of its oil products, while being forced to cut production and exports.

Officials warn against panic, although they acknowledge that oil profits are expected to drop this year by as much as \$2 billion. Other analysts put the figure as high as \$5 billion.

President Luis Herrera Campins, whose Christian Democratic Party is a natural target of opposition criticism for its handling of the economic situation, has made repeated public statements discounting the danger of devaluation of the nation's currency or other drastic consequences.

He said Venezuela would not follow the lead of Mexico, another oil-rich country, which devalued its currency, a step aimed at stabilizing the economy. "We are not going to devalue the bolivar," Herrera declared.

"History teaches us that fiscal and economic problems have never been resolved with monetary manipulation and if anything, have been made worse."

However, Herrera told the nation's in a State of the Union message this month that the government will impose public spending restraints to save \$1.5 billion. That measure, coupled with huge monetary reserves — \$11.4 billion as of Dec. 31 — would be used to offset a temporary loss in oil reserves.

Statistics indicate Venezuela has enough oil to make it an important producer well into the 21st century, but specialists take the current crisis as a warning that Venezuela must begin to diversify its economy.

The nation, which took the lead in 1960 to

form the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, defense on petro-profits for two-thirds of the government's annual budget. More than 90 percent of Venezuela's exports in 1981 consisted of petroleum and petroleum products.

"Venezuela has 20 billion barrels of proven petroleum reserves," said Gen. Nijveo Ravard, president of the state oil conglomerate, Petroleos de Venezuela.

The Orinoco belt, by government estimates, has heavy oil reserves of as much as 1 trillion barrels of oil, although specialists say much of the oil in that region is very difficult to extract with present technology.

Taipei to bolster industrial growth

TAIPEI, March 21: The Chinese government is going all-out to develop strategic industries, including machinery, information and electronics. Economic Affairs Minister William Y.T. Chao said recently.

In his answer to a question by legislator Chou Wenying, Minister Chao said the government is pushing the development of these strategic industries.

He listed several ministries, including the ministry of education, the ministry of economic affairs, the ministry of finance, the national science council and the information task force of the cabinet. Premier Sun Yun-suan, Chao said, is personally involved in the matter.

Up to now, there are more than 10,000 machinery factories in Taiwan. However, only between 40 and 50 have good technology and outstanding management.

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Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	281.00
Canadian Dollar	144.25	144.10
Deutsche Mark (100)	131.50	131.25
Dutch Guilder (100)	3.44	3.45
Egyptian Pound	93.00	93.20
Emirates Dirham (100)	56.00	55.25
French Franc (100)	52.50	55.70
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	36.80
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	26.70	26.40
Italian Lira (10,000)	14.15	14.15
Japanese Yen (1,000)	9.92	9.92
Jordanian Dinar	12.05	12.02
Kuwaiti Dinar	71.00	70.35
Lebanese Lira (100)	57.75	59.05
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	30.50
Pakistan Rupee (100)	—	41.40
Philippine Peso (100)	6.22	6.20
Pound Sterling	94.00	94.10
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	161.10
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	32.80
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	181.50	181.15
Swiss Franc (100)	58.00	63.50
Syrian Lira (100)	—	—
Turkish Lira (1,000)	3.429	3.422
U.S. Dollar	75.00	74.90
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Emirates notch second victory

By a Staff Writer

ABU DHABI, March 21 — A lapse by Saudi Arabian defender Ahmad Nifawi saw United Arab Emirates record their second victory in the Sixth Gulf Soccer Tournament here Sunday.

The Saudi Arabian left stopper needlessly delayed with clearing the ball and Salem Khalifa dispossessed him of the ball before finding the mark in the 48th minute.

With this victory, UAE top the table with four points from two outings. They had earlier beaten Qatar, the losing finalist at the Junior World Cup Soccer recently, 1-0.

Saudi Arabia playing their first match of the tournament, held the lion's share of the exchanges, but finishing was not their strong point. Their prolific scorer, Majid Abdullah was well policed and could do precious little.

But after they had conceded the goal, they exerted tremendous pressure and almost got the much-sought-after equalizer, but Shayeh Al-Nafisa made hash of the chance. A few minutes from the final whistle, following a goalmouth cross, the UAE goalkeeper was beaten hands down by the flight of the ball and Nafisa, well-positioned to score in front of an empty goal, headed the ball wide off the target.

Standings	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
UAE	2	2	0	0	2	0	4
Lebanon	1	1	1	0	2	0	2
Kuwait	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
Oman	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
S. Arabia	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Bahrain	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Oman	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

Piquet claims Brazilian Grand Prix

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, March 21 (AP) — Defending world champion Nelson Piquet of Brazil, driving a Brabham, came from behind Sunday and won the Brazilian Grand Prix Formula One Auto race.

Keke Rosberg of Finland, in a Williams, was second, followed by pole position starter Alain Prost of France, driving a Renault. Englishman John Watson of the McLaren team was fourth, with fellow countryman Nigel Mansell, in a Lotus, fifth, Italy's Michele Alboreto, driving a Tyrrell, was sixth.

France's Alain Prost, in a turbo-charged Renault, had the pole position Saturday for the Brazilian Grand Prix.

His time over the 5.031-kilometer (3.125-mile) race track near the beach outside Rio de Janeiro was 1 minute 28.808 seconds, giving him an average speed of 203.941 kilometers (126.723 miles) per hour.

Canada's Gilles Villeneuve, driving a turbo-charged Ferrari, had the second best time, 1:29.173. And Keke Rosberg, the Finnish driver was to be third on the starting grid in his Williams with 1:29.358.

Prost's teammate and fellow countryman, Rene Arnoux, was fourth, the Austrian, Niki Lauda, was fifth in a McLaren, and Argentina's Carlos Reutemann was sixth in his Williams.

Keddir outpaces Salazar, Dixon

ROME, March 21 (Agencies) — Ethiopia's Muhammad Keddir won the men's event at the World Cross Country Championships here Sunday ahead of American Albert Salazar and New Zealander Rod Dixon.

Ethiopia scored a convincing victory in the men's under-20 race at the World Cross-Country Championships Sunday placing four athletes in the first five to win both the individual and team trophies.

Zurabachew Gelaw won the 7.4 km (4.6-mile) race in 22 minutes 45 seconds slightly ahead of compatriot Aduna Lema with Stefano Mei of Italy third. Two more Ethiopians, Hunda Hume and Teka Mokonnen, were fourth and fifth out of a leading group which detached itself from the 99 other competitors halfway through the race on Rome's main horse-racing track.

The Ethiopians ran a tight tactical race, never relaxing their grip on the leadership after taking over from Morocco's Abdallah Boubiah in the early stages.

Marica Puica of Romania won the women's title according to unofficial results. Another Romanian Fita Lovin was second followed by last year's champion, Grete Waitz of Norway with Italian Agnese Possamai fourth.

Meanwhile, in Westwood, California, America's Karen Smith achieved the world's best javelin performance of the season when she threw 64.38 meters at an Athletic meet Saturday.

Iceland's Oskar Jacobson had an outstanding day, winning three events, the javelin (76.08), discus (59.46) and shot (19.50). There was a good performance in the pole vault by America's Anthony Curran.

Herkie Walls had a sprint double with the 100 meters and 200 meters (in 10.42 and 20.73 respectively), while Tony Baner took the 400 meters as Marcus Lin ran away with the 110 meters hurdles. Del Davies, in the men, and Sue McLean, in the women, respectively won the high jump with Dokie Williams taking the triple jump event. Lorna Griffin won the discus in women's with Dave Daniels triumphing in the 3,000 meters steeplechase.

In Tokyo, American athletes dominated an International Indoor Track and Field Competition in Sunday taking 10 of the 18 titles.

Pele expects Spain to make a mark

ABU DHABI, March 21 — The whole place is ablaze with soccer fever as the Gulf Soccer Championship — now on in full swing — commenced three days ago. But the Brazilian treasure to the soccer world, Pele, is still a bigger drawcard, even off the field.

The "Black Pearl" as Pele was popularly known carried with the press with the same agility, keenness and expert dodging as he displayed for Brazil in the three World Cup he helped his country win.

But what was more remarkable about Pele was his persistency. Nearly every answer of his carried an overtone for the welfare of people. And Pele, in his indomitable style, resorts to soccer to forge universal brotherhood.

When asked if he was on the other side of the fence — shooting questions at Pele — what would his first question be? And quick was the reply "Do you like people." And what would be Pele's answer? To that he said: "Of course, We are all the same. We all have the same beginning and the same end. Why should there be differences in people? All that I have known or learnt through football in my life is to respect people, and love people."

In World Cup Soccer

— Even though soccer has brought me fame and fortunes, I still live with my friends and my mother. My mother still calls me Dico, as do my other family members. My relationship with the past is deep and passionate. Though I have prospered in life, I still remember my early days. And if I had not become rich then what use would I have been to the people around me?

— I married a girl from Brazil in 1966 and am leading a happy marital life. I am blessed with three kids — two daughters and an 11-year-old son. We respond to each other's needs without explaining them. It is a very happy family, trying to live naturally.

— A man is worse than an animal if he were devoid of emotions. I felt sad when I knew my playing days were over. And especially after the love and respect shown to me by the two clubs Santos and Cosmos, it is natural for anyone to breakdown as I did in my last match where I played one half for, each club.

— On the World Cup, barring surprises, which are plenty in today's competitive soccer, West Germany, Brazil and Argentina should be rated as the top three teams, while Spain, with home advantage, could be a serious contender.



Pele... still a drawcard

— His best moments in football, he said was during 1958 World Cup when he was 17 and still being groomed. And the worst was obviously in 1966 when he was plagued by injuries.

With Pele enjoying a brief respite, this reporter requested Pele's manager Jose Roberto Xisto to sum up Pele in one sentence, if possible. And the answer was: "Lucky." (By arrangement with the Gulf News)

Arsenal's sensational bid for Maradona

LONDON, March 21 (AP) — A bid by the London soccer club Arsenal to buy Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona was reported by British newspapers Sunday.

But a radio newscast said Maradona's club, Boca Juniors, denied it. Arsenal officials said they never comment on transfers until deals are completed. Independent Radio news reported an unnamed spokesman of Boca Juniors said they are not selling Maradona to anyone and they had not even talked about the possibility.

Arsenal manager Terry Neill said he would not confirm nor deny the reports. Maradona has been called the world's most exciting footballer and the equal of Pele of Brazil.

The *News of the World* and the *Sunday Mirror* said Arsenal is prepared to pay 4 million pounds (\$7.2 million) for Maradona, which would be a world record fee. Arsenal wants a top class player to counter their falling gates and the attraction in the rival Tottenham Hotspur side of Argentine players Osvaldo Ardiles and Ricardo Villa.

But others wondered how Arsenal could find the cash to pay Maradona's salary. The press reports said he gets an estimated 50,000



Diego Maradona...pride of Argentina.

pounds (\$90,000) a month from Boca Juniors.

The existing British soccer transfer fee record is \$3.75 million, paid last August by

Lietzke, Bryant lead in Players' Golf

PONTE VEDRA, Florida, March 21 (AP) — Scott Simpson blew the lead with a double bogey-bogey finish and staked Bruce Lietzke and Brad Bryant to a tie for the top spot Saturday in the third round of the \$500,000 Players' Championship.

Simpson was cruising along with a 2-shot lead when he dumped his tee shot into a tiny bunker on the island green on the par-3 17th. He took two to get out, then missed a 6-foot putt for a double bogey-5. Simpson, whose only previously victory came in the 1980 Western Open, also bogeyed the 18th, leaving Lietzke and Bryant as the co-leaders going into Sunday's final round.

Lietzke was a three-time winner last season and Bryant is a non-winner in his fifth year on the tour. They completed three tours over the watery, pot-bunker filled acreage that makes up the Players Club course with matching totals of 210, 6 under par. Lietzke, the game's most successful cross-handed putter, had a 3-under-par 69 and Bryant fought his way to a 71 in the warm, muggy, breezy

weather. Simpson and Vance Heafner were a single shot off the pace at 211. Heafner matched par 72 and Simpson had a 73 despite his horrendous finish. Veteran George Archer was next at 212 after a 70.

The group at 213 included Jerry Pate, Ed Sneed, Hale Irwin and Tim Simpson, who is no relation to Scott. Pate had a 70 despite a ball in the water on the 18th. Sneed shot 74, Irwin and Tim Simpson 75. Scott Simpson's closing collapse also let Tom Watson back in the title chase. He managed a 68, the best round of the day, and moved to within four strokes of the lead at 214. "My only chance is for the wind to blow Sunday," he said. "Without the wind, there are too many guys in front of me."

Jack Nicklaus, played his last five holes 5 over par, three-putting the 16th and making double bogey on the 18th, to complete a 78. He failed to qualify for the final two rounds with a 151 total. It was the second time in as many weeks that the game's most proficient

Rangers stage a fine rally

NEW YORK, March 21 (AP) — Rookie Bruce Crowder scored the go-ahead goal in the second period and an unassisted clincher in the deciding as the Boston Bruins defeated Buffalo Sabres 6-4 Saturday in a National Hockey League game.

The Bruins hit the front in 19:58 of the first period with a Pederson goal. But the Sabres soon caught up at 2-2 after Gillis had enhanced the Boston's first period tally. Dunn and Foligno were the Sabres' scorers. But Crowder's goal sent Boston on the victory trail, from which they were never threatened.

A three-goal blitz in the first ten minutes of the decisive period, including two by Barry Beck and Mike Rogers in a 75-second span, saw the New York Rangers to a 4-3 comeback triumph over the Washington Capitals. After a scoreless first period, Washington scored twice through Maruk and Gustafsson. The Rangers could manage to reduce the tally one through Forek till the third period blitz. Washington could strike only once through

ough Gartner in the final period, after Johnstone had added to Beck's and Roger's tally. Stastny's goal in 17:44 of the last period lifted the Quebec Nordiques to a 3-3 tie with the Vancouver Canucks. Stastny put the Nordiques ahead till the Canucks struck twice through Snepets and Rota. Hunter brought the Nordiques on level with the lone goal of the second period, till Smyl put Vancouver in the front again in 12:31 of the final period.

Mark Napier scored his 36th and 37th goals of the season, a career high in the NHL, as the Montreal Canadiens clinched first place in the Adams Division with a 5-1 victory over the Minnesota North Stars. In another action, Pekka Rautakallio's slap shot dented the upper netting and gave the Calgary Flames the lead midway through the third period as the Flames swept past the Colorado Rockies 4-2. Tom Lysiak hit a goal and assisted in another to lead the Chicago Black Hawks to a 4-3 victory over the Detroit Red Wings.

BRIEFS

RICHFIELD, Ohio, (AP) — George Gervin scored 20 of his 41 points in the third quarter to spark the San Antonio Spurs to a 115-102 National Basketball Association victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Saturday night.

RIO DE JANEIRO, (AP) — Jean Marie Balestre, the president of FISA, the international governing body of Grand Prix auto racing, threatened Saturday to quit if the sport doesn't accept his rules proposals. FISA has been in an ongoing fight with the drivers and FOCA, the Car Owners' Association, over car standards and race rules.

HAVANA, (R) — Seventeen top Cuban baseball players and coaches have been suspended, arrested and face trial for conspiring with gamblers to fix games, the official daily newspaper *Granma* said Saturday.

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, (AP) — Peter Kirsten scored his 28th first class cricket century as South Africa recovered from a shaky start Sunday, the third day of a four-day international against Graham Gooch's English XI, taking his team to 209 for six wickets at tea.

ABIDJAN, (AFP) — Ivory Coast will stage the next African Nations Football Cup,

player had missed the cut. Arnold Palmer and South African Gary Player also missed and Lee Trevino was disqualified. Defending champion Ray Floyd thought he'd missed, too, and went home to Miami Friday night after compiling a 148 total. But when the round was completed Saturday morning, that was good enough to make it. Floyd had to charter a jet from Miami, charter a helicopter from a nearby airport to the Players Club and made it to his tee with one minute to spare. He shot a 71 and was at 219. The long-hitting Lietzke and the longshot Bryant both had finished their rounds when Simpson gave them the lead.

Meanwhile, Taiwan's Hsu Sheng-san shot a five under par score of 68 in the third round Saturday to take the lead with a total of 208 in the \$75,000 Indian Open Golf Championship at the Royal Calcutta Golf Course.

Ikuo Shirohama of Japan, who led at the end of second round, fell to the second place after he failed to show his earlier performance and returned at par Saturday. His total score is 209.

France scrapes past Hungary

JACA, Northern Spain, March 21 (AFP) — France defeated Hungary 7-3 (2-3, 3-0, 2-0) on the second day of the Group "C" World Ice Hockey Championships here Saturday.

Hungary, one of the favorites to win the competition, led 3-2 after the first 20 minutes, and continued to dominate until the referee disallowed a goal because they had too many players on the pitch.

The eastern Europeans then lost heart and France took control for the rest of the match.

In another match, Yugoslavia crushed Spain 6-0 (3-0, 3-0, 0-0). The host country failed to put their game together from the start, enabling Yugoslavia to take a -0 lead in the first period. The confident Yugoslavs scored another three in the second period, and though they tired in the final 20 minutes Spain were too dispirited even to score a consolation goal.

On Sunday, Bulgaria beat South Korea 14-1 (3-0, 3-1, 8-0). Bulgaria found little difficulty in breaking the inexperienced South Korean defense and notched up three goals in the first period.

The Koreans counter attacked for a single consolation goal in the second, but then seemed to lose heart in the last period conceding as many as eight goals.

Erika Hess triumphs

ALPE D'HUEZ, France March 21 (AFP) — Erika Hess of Switzerland registered her fifth victory of the season in the Women's Alpine Skiing World Cup Special Slalom series when she won Sunday's race here.

The 19-year-old triple gold medalist at the recent World Championships in Austria, was fastest skier in both sections and finished with an unbeatable total time of 1:41.65. Runner up Daniela Zini of Italy was 92 hundredths of a second slower and third placed Tamara McKinney of the United States had a time 1.25 seconds slower than the Swiss girl.

The result added five points to Hess's overall World Cup tally, increasing her lead over her main rival, Irene Epple of West Germany, who finished only 12th Sunday. Epple scored an extra four points to take her total to 178 against the Swiss skier's 182 points.

To bag Rotterdam title

Vilas topples Connors

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, March 21 (AP) — Third-seeded Guillermo Vilas of Argentina upset Jimmy Connors of the United States 6-6, 6-2, 6-4 to take the \$50,000 first prize in the Rotterdam Grand Prix Tennis Tournament Sunday.

Top seed Connors got off to a blazing start in the final of the \$250,000 tournament, watched by a sell-out crowd of 8,000 in the "Ahoj" Sports Center here. He took the first set 6-0 in barely half an hour, and broke to make it 2-0 in the second.

Third-seeded Vilas later explained it was "mainly nerves that lost me the first set. When you play a tournament like this and face Connors in the final, you're more than usually nervous. But I recovered surprisingly well."

Connors fans said their idol was upset by a linesman's call in the third game. The umpire overruled the call and allowed Connors a replay. But the American, still muttering about the call, promptly lost. Vilas fought back to 2-2, came ahead 3-2 for the first time in the match on his own serve and took the set 6-2 in 40 minutes, scoring the only ace of the encounter.

In the third set, which lasted 55 minutes, Vilas deliberately slowed down the pace of the match, returning treacherous top-spin balls. Sticking to his usual powerful play, Connors remained alongside until 4-4, but then Vilas came ahead 5-4 on his own serve and broke Connors' service to win the match.

Meanwhile, unseeded Tim Mayotte came back from the brink of defeat Saturday and moved in to the final of the \$300,000 WCT Strasbourg Tennis Tournament with a 4-6, 7-5, 6-4 victory over fellow-American Terry Moor.

The title match will pit Mayotte against top seed Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia, who beat American Sandy Mayer, the No. 4 seed, 6-4 6-3.

Ranked 31st in the world, the 21-year-old Mayotte was a quarterfinalist at Wimbledon last year and has been rising rapidly since he turned pro after leading Stanford University to the NCAA Championships where he won the singles title last June.

Moor, a 29-year-old who is ranked 79th, won his first set against Mayotte and then blew a great chance to take the match in the second set. Moor was serving with the score 5-5 and Mayotte down love 40.

Mayotte managed to hold his serve in the 11th game and broke Moor's in the next to take the second set 7-5. The match was even but the balance had shifted. Moor's strikes lacked bite and the accurate sting was gone from his backhand as Mayotte, eight years younger, rushed the net with a force that rocked Moor back.

In Metz, Americans Steve Denton and Eric Iskersky both staged straight-set victories Saturday to move into the final of the \$75,000 Grand Prix Metz Tennis Tournament.

The two Americans meet Sunday in the title match. Denton, a 25-year-old who is ranked 33rd in the world, won his berth by downing South African Schalk Van Den Merwe 6-4, 6-2. Iskersky advanced to the final with a 6-4, 6-4 win over Henri Leconte of France.

Wendy Turnbull battled from behind, and Kathy Jordan breezed against inexperienced opponent Saturday night to score semifinal tennis victories in the \$150,000 Avon championships of Boston.

The fifth-seeded Turnbull, the only seeded semifinalist, dropped the first set to Anders Leand, 7-6, with an 8-6 tiebreaker. However, Turnbull overwhelmed her 18-year-old opponent 6-0, 6-0 in the last two sets. Earlier, Jordan dominated nervous, error-prone Bonnie Gadusek, a pro only since last fall, to capture a 6-2, 6-2 victory.

Australians take firm grip

CHRISTCHURCH, March 21 (AFP) — Australia is set to square the Test series with New Zealand after enforcing the follow-on at Lancaster Park Sunday on the third day of the third cricket Test.

Australia had the home side all out for 149 in the morning session after New Zealand had resumed at 98 for eight. A brave ninth-wicket partnership of 62 between Richard Hadlee (40) and Martin Snedden (32) failed by just five runs to avoid the follow-on.

Australian skipper Greg Chappell, with a manive first innings to bankon, sent New

Zealand were again reeling at 181 for seven, still needing 23 runs to make Australia bat again.

The New Zealand batsmen looked out of touch on a wicket which did not offer the bowlers a lot of assistance. Only John Wright (91 not out) and Geoff Howarth (41) mastered an Australian attack which was without the services of Dennis Lillee, who took three first innings wickets before injuring his knee.

With two full days of play remaining, it appears only bad weather could prevent Australia winning the Test.

Score-board	
Australia (1st innings):	353
New Zealand (1st innings):	22
B. Edgar c Marsh b Alderman	11
J. Wright batting	91
J. Wright c Marsh b Lillee	13
J. Morrison b Thomson	8
G. Howarth c Alderman b Thomson	9
J. Conway b Lillee	9
M. Crowe c Marsh b Lillee	41
R. Hadlee c Marsh b Thomson	40
I. Smith b Thomson	0
L. Cairns run out	0
M. Snedden c Alderman	3
G. Truop not out	7
Extras	149
Total	149
Fall of wickets: 1-33, 2-57, 3-57, 4-57, 5-67, 6-82, 7-82, 8-87, 9-149.	
Bowling: Lillee 12-6-13-3; Thomson 21-5-51-4; Alderman 19-2-3-63-2.	
New Zealand (2nd innings):	353
B. Edgar c Marsh b Alderman	11
J. Wright batting	91
J. Morrison b Chappell	13
G. Howarth c Wood b Border	8
M. Crowe b Yardley	9
J. Conway b Border	9
R. Hadlee c Border b Yardley	0
I. Smith c Wood b Yardley	0
L. Cairns batting	0
Wate a	17
Total (for 7 wks.)	181
Fall of wickets: 1-21, 2-36, 3-129, 4-133, 5-162, 6-166, 7-166.	
Bowling: Thomson 12-5-25-0; Alderman (6-3-43-1; Border 10-4-20-2; Chappell 15-5-20-1; Yardley 20-5-36-3.	

Avelar falls in just 2 minutes

TAMPICO, Mexico, March 21 (AP) — Colombia's challenger Prudencio Cardona won the World Boxing Council flyweight title Saturday from Mexico's Antonio Avelar with a spectacular first round K.O. It took exactly two minutes.

Cardona opened with a flurry of wild blows, rested a few seconds, got a hold of himself and knocked the champion out cold with a powerful combination of three left jabs and three right hooks to the face. It took the ring doctor, Federico de La Colina, sometime to revive Avelar, a favorite of the 10,000 fans who crowded the soccer field in this port 360 miles (576 kms) northeast of the Mexican capital.

Cardona, 30, weighed 50 kilos, 300 grams, the 23-year-old Avelar, 50 kilos 700 grams. Avelar had a fighting record of 28 wins, seven losses and one drawn. Cardona 30 wins, seven losses and one tie.

The Mexican won the title May 12 from

Japan's Shoji Oguma in Tokyo, and successfully defended against Taa Shik Kin of South Korea in Seoul on Aug. 30.

In Split, Yugoslavia, Cvikavcic of Yugoslavia retained his World Amateur Boxing light heavy weight title when he beat Switzerland's Jean Marc Tonus in six rounds. Compatriot Sasa Stojanovic took the world light welterweight title from Massimiliano Roti of Italy in another fight on the same card.

Meanwhile, Michael Dokes extended his unbeaten run to 26 fights when he kept the North American heavyweight title by knocking out Francis Thomas in the 5th round of the scheduled 12-round bout in Atlantic City.

The 24-year-old Dokes, the World Boxing Council's No. 2 challenger, smashed Thomas with right hooks in the fifth round to floor him for a count of eight. Another flurry of blows sent Thomas down for the full count.

Dokes, has now beaten 25 opponents and drawn one. It was the fourth time Thomas has been beaten.

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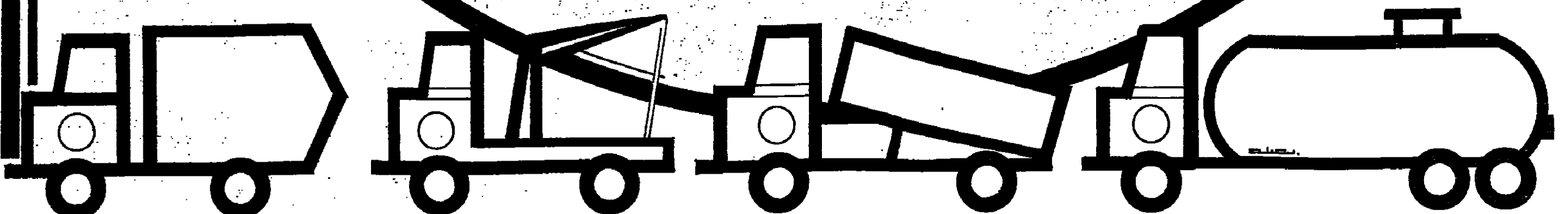
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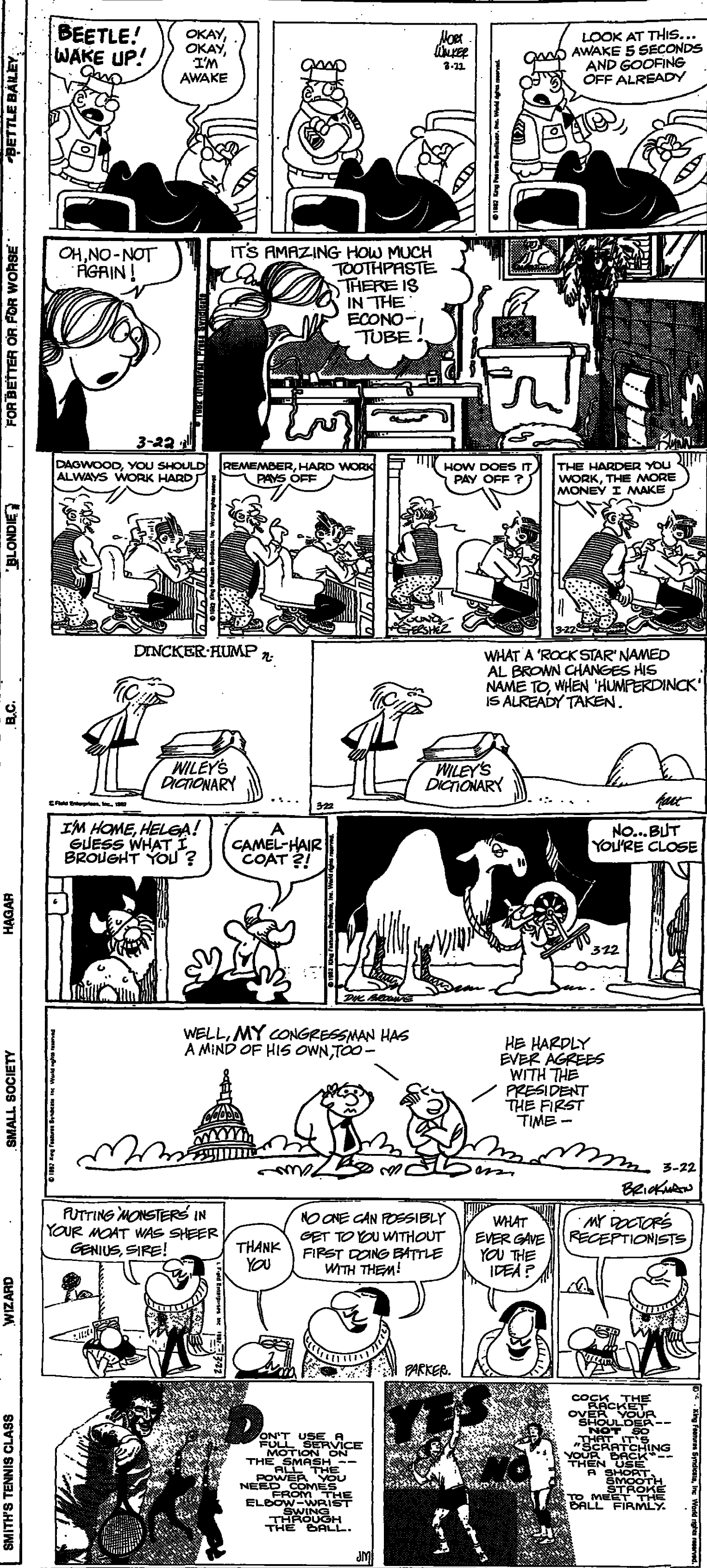
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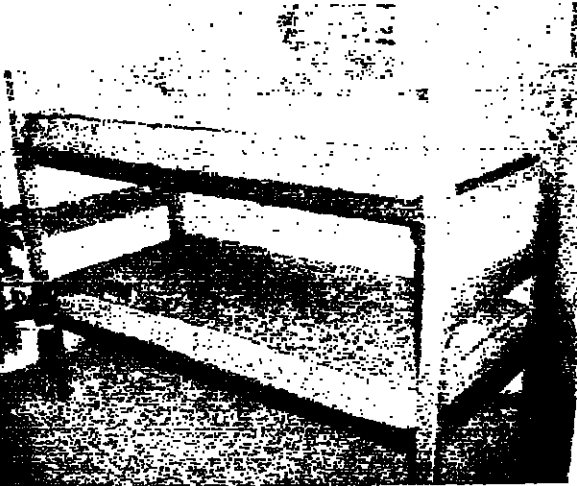
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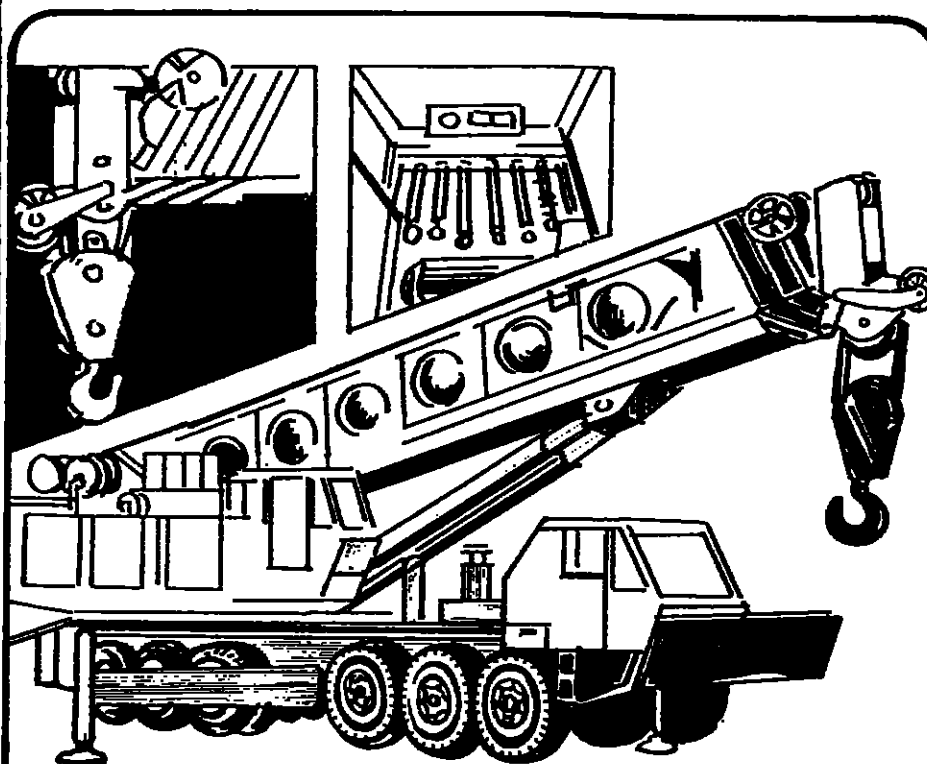
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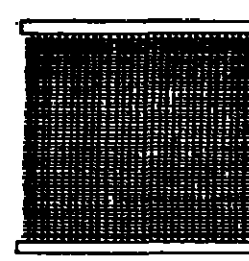
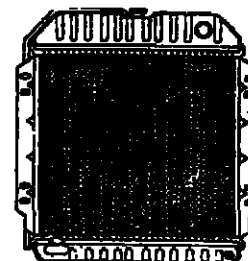
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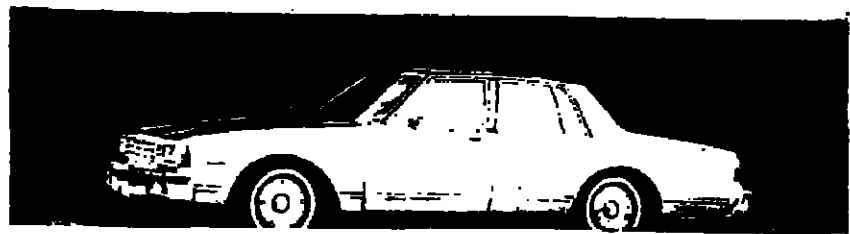
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Congressmen mull aid stoppage

Salvadoran killings worry U.S.

WASHINGTON, March 21 (AFP) — The killing of four Dutch journalists in El Salvador Wednesday has given the U.S. government new cause to worry about the future of its policy in the Caribbean basin. For the moment, U.S. authorities have accepted the official Salvadoran version of the newsmen's deaths — that they were killed in a clash between guerrillas and Salvadoran government forces.

But the U.S. Congress, already concerned over Latin America's poor record on human rights and increasingly opposed to the Reagan administration's plan to pour aid into

the Caribbean basin region, is certain not to swallow the explanation so easily.

U.S. television reports a few weeks ago showing U.S. military advisers armed with M-16 rifles triggered an outcry from the public and from Congress. The advisers are entitled to carry only a pistol, and some observers saw the violation as reminiscent of the beginning of American involvement in Vietnam.

Both Republicans and Democrats were worried, and as a result two bills were proposed in the Senate and the House of Representatives Thursday by members of both

parties. The bills sought to block any U.S. military aid to El Salvador unless the government there showed "good faith" by attempting to negotiate with the armed opposition.

The texts followed a series of similar draft bills and resolutions, evidence of Congress' growing skepticism over President Ronald Reagan's Caribbean basin aid plan in which El Salvador is the main beneficiary, both militarily and economically.

Accused of over-reacting to the conflict in El Salvador, the Reagan administration has issued a new report alleging Cuban and Nicaraguan backing for the Salvadoran guerrillas. There was no quick reaction from Congress after the release of the report Saturday, but the lack of sourcing for the data seemed to weaken the administration's prospects of convincing skeptics of the wisdom of its Central American policy.

Department spokesman Dan Fischer said that in order to protect intelligence sources the report had omitted sensitive intelligence which had been given to congressional committees and former U.S. officials.

The Dutch television journalists' death will probably spark new pressure by European countries opposed to U.S. policy in El Salvador, particularly France. In addition the incident is bound to give the pacifist movement new ammunition — both in the United States and abroad.

Officially, the Reagan administration is presenting a picture of being not concerned. The State Department said Friday there was no evidence to challenge the Salvadoran authorities' version of the journalists' deaths.

On Saturday, official comments were limited to quoting the San Salvador autopsy report which said none of the dead men was shot at point-blank range, backing up the official version. But the White House was, in fact, very concerned. Late Saturday President Reagan's adviser on national security affairs, William Clark, was still in his office, meeting with experts to study different versions of the killings.

In Amsterdam, Dutch Journalist Hans van Gerven said Sunday that "the official Salvadoran statement that my colleagues were killed in a firefight between army and guerrilla units is totally unfounded." He told reporters meeting him at the airport as he arrived from El Salvador: "My colleagues were killed."

Van Gerven, one of the six members of a Dutch Ikon television crew reporting in El Salvador, returned here following the death Wednesday of four members of the crew. He said the most convincing proof of the treachery of Salvadoran authorities was that they initially were going to bury the journalists immediately, without investigating their deaths.

Van Gerven had identified the bodies of his colleagues Thursday. He said he had not seen marks of torture on the bodies, which were riddled with bullets. Three of the four victims had been shot in the head and neck from close range, he said.

He added that he was surprised the United States had so quickly accepted the official version of the killings. "I contacted the U.S. Embassy in San Salvador and was told that the four Ikon Journalists had died in 'very suspicious circumstances,'" he said.

Taipei mountaineers to scale Himalaya peak

KATMANDU, March 21 (AP) — Eight women mountaineers from the Nationalist Republic of China left the Pokhara Valley, about 200 kms (120 miles) west of here, on a six-day trek Sunday to set up a base camp and begin their ascent of the 5,663-meter (18,580-foot) Tent Peak, according to a radio message received here.

Lin Fang-Jinnann is the leader of the first women's group from Taipei to attempt to scale a Himalayan peak. Tent Peak, in northwestern Nepal, is in the middle of the massive Annapurna range. After the group set up a camp, they will start their final climb in a bid to reach the top of the Tent Peak by March 29.



FIRING STANCE: An anti-Klan demonstrator assumes a firing stance as he faces a line of police protecting a group of Ku Klux Klansmen gathering on the steps of Meriden City Hall Saturday. The Klan rally, the third in the small Connecticut city within a year, was without serious incidents, despite threats by several dozens of protesters calling for "Klan blood to flow in the streets".

Columbia blasts off today

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, March 21 (Agencies) — Technicians preparing the U.S. space shuttle *Columbia* for its third mission are two hours ahead of schedule for Monday's launch.

Astronauts Jack Lousma and Gordon Fullerton are scheduled to orbit the earth 116 times during their seven-day mission, the longest yet for the world's first reusable space craft.

During the night technicians checked *Columbia*'s flight control systems, ran communications tests with mission control in Houston, filled the sound suppression water tank beneath the space craft and powered up the twin booster rockets.

On the other side of the U.S. mainland, a train reached the White Sands missile range in New Mexico with 448 tons of equipment that will be needed after the shuttle lands. The landing site was changed from Edwards Air Force base in California — used for *Columbia*'s first two missions — because the clay runways there were waterlogged after heavy rain.

The *Columbia* is scheduled to be commercially exploited on its fifth flight, next October or November. Two-thirds of its commercial space flights will be reserved for wholly scientific uses, and one-third for military purposes.

The shuttle's current flight program will include complex subjects like studying X-rays in space and the make-up of the sun; the measurement of the number, speed and density of micro-meteorites; further studies on how weightlessness affects the growth of plants and the activities of months and bees.

Scientists are anxious to know the influence of weightlessness on living creatures and plants as well as the effect on materials like plastic which will be used eventually in space. Scientists see numerous opportunities for man once he leaves the earth's gravitational pull, and they are studying new research possibilities in industrial and medical spheres.

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offenses such as disorderly conduct, traffic violations and stealing. All but 199 were fined or given short prison terms or released with admonitions, police said.

Government officials believe the arson attack was a move by dissident youths with leftist leanings who wanted to cause social disorder and harm Korea-U.S. relations. Police said that leaflets scattered in the neighborhood of the American facility denounced "U.S. neocolonialism," demanded a U.S. troop withdrawal and objected to economic cooperation between South Korea and Japan.

The leaflets attacked the present South Korean government of President Chun Doo-Hwan as a "fascist group" and lashed at South Korea's hosting of the 1988 summer Olympics in Seoul. Police said at least seven youths were believed to have taken part in the arson attack. Three or four were believed to have set the fire, the others scattered leaflets.

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Sheikh Yamani said no one knew for certain just how much oil was flowing out of stocks, but estimated it was well over four million barrels daily in the last two weeks.

Market experts say this uncertainty makes it impossible to judge what the underlying level of demand for the OPEC crudes will be in coming months. So the OPEC ceiling of 18 million bpd is a "best guess" with the Saudi Arabians on hand to try to take up the slack if OPEC has got its sums wrong.

Back in 1979, when the Shah of Iran fell from power and Iranian oil production slumped, jittery oil companies went on a

panic buying spree that created the huge stocks now being run down. In those heady days OPEC sales boomed, soaring above 30 million bpd.

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Buyers told Nigeria to match it or they would walk away, and the threat that Nigeria would undermine the benchmark provoked the OPEC crisis talk here — Sheikh Yamani said he saw the British move as being in line with the Western strategy to drive down OPEC prices.

The new individual production ceilings decided at the OPEC meeting were said by conference sources to be as follows (in millions of barrels per day):

	New Ceiling	Feb. 1981 Production
Saudi Arabia	7.0	10.26
Venezuela	1.5	2.2
Indonesia	1.5	1.6
Nigeria	1.3	1.95
Iran	1.2	1.5
United Arab Emirates	1.2	0.7
Libya	1.0	1.6
Algeria	0.75	1.65
Kuwait	0.75	0.9
Qatar	0.3	1.55
Ecuador	0.2	0.48
Gabon	0.15	0.22

Conference (OIC) Sunday accused the U.S. and Western Europe of being responsible for what it called Israeli repression and terror in occupied Arab territories. A statement issued in Jeddah by Habib Chatti, OIC secretary-general, blamed United States and European support for Israeli policies in the occupied West Bank, where violence has broken out. "The United States of America and Western Europe... bear the great responsibility of not halting military and political support for Israel," it said. It described the dissolution of the town council of El Bireh as "an act of aggression that endangers peace in the Middle East and a clear sign of Israel's unending attempts to annex the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip."

On the Golan Heights, a general strike by Druze residents opposed to Israel's annexation of the area last December entered its sixth week with no sign of an end. The army is manning roadblocks cutting off the Heights from the outside world.

Meanwhile, the Organization of Islamic

82 Japanese injured in major quake

TOKYO, March 21 (Agencies) — A major earthquake hit northern Japan Sunday, injuring at least 82 persons, destroying more than 50 houses and damaging roads and power lines, the Kyodo news agency said.

The earthquake measured 7.3 on the Richter scale of motion, making it capable of major damage, the Central Meteorological Agency said. It hit the Pacific Ocean near Urakawa, a fishing village with a population of 20,000, at 11:32 a.m. Sunday (0232 GMT), the CMA reported.

Most of the injured suffered fractured bones, cuts from flying glass or burns caused by boiling oil or water as they were cooking the midday meal.

Aftershocks rumbled for several hours through the village, located about 290 kms north of Tokyo on Hokkaido, the northernmost island in the Japanese archipelago.

Kyodo said 82 persons were injured in and around Urakawa. The quake collapsed "a number of houses" and damaged local roads and railways, the agency said. All railways on Hokkaido Island were stopped for rail inspection.

Power failures caused by uprooted electric poles affected communications to and from the town, making it difficult to get precise information about damage, Kyodo said.

"I heard this tremendous sound coming from the ground, and I could not stand straight, although I was clinging to a column in my house," a Urakawa town official was quoted as saying by Kyodo. Following the earthquake the CMA issued tidal wave warnings to the Pacific Coast of Hokkaido and northern Honshu.

Several ships, including oil tankers moored at the eastern coast Muroran port, sailed for the open sea to escape danger from possible tidal waves but they returned after the tidal wave warning was lifted. The tremor also caused cracks on roads in Urakawa and several other cities and towns in Hokkaido, including Sapporo, the host city to the 1972 Winter Olympic Games.

The agency said the quake was only about half as powerful by the time it hit the main island of Honshu, where Tokyo is located. The Richter scale is a measure of ground motion as recorded on seismographs. Every increase of one number means a tenfold increase in magnitude. Thus a reading of 7.5 reflects an earthquake 10 times stronger than one of 6.5.

An earthquake measuring 8.3 on the Richter scale killed an estimated 200,000 persons in Yokohama and Tokyo in September 1923. Sunday's tremor was the strongest to hit Japan since an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.4 struck northern Honshu in June 1978, killing 27 persons.

In southern Italy, strong earth tremors sent thousands of people fleeing in panic into the streets Sunday in towns throughout the region devastated by a massive earthquake in 1980.

S. Africa uproots coloreds, gives away assets to whites

CAPE TOWN, March 21 (AFP) — A "For Sale" sign was slapped on District 6 this week — and the former colored (mixed race) area was put firmly on the road to becoming a white suburb, reports in English-language Sunday newspapers said.

District 6 was declared "white area" by the South African government under the Group Areas Act, a key feature of the apartheid racial separation system. As a result hundreds of colored families were uprooted and forced to live elsewhere. Now only 21 remain, and as they have their final order to leave, the first "whites only" houses have been put on the market.

However a campaign by critics of the government's policy is growing to dissuade whites from buying the 102 homes which are being offered for sale by the Department of Community Development (COD).

The renovated cottages and town houses — which estate agents say the government is "practically giving away" at "ridiculously cheap" prices — have been labeled "tainted homes" by the critics. But the prices, ranging from \$31,000 to \$72,000, may prove irresistible to many whites in today's market. Sunday's reports said.

District 6 at the foot of Table Mountain

and adjacent to central Cape Town, is "prime real estate" and the houses have been advertised as within walking distance of the city and having a "panoramic view" of Table Bay. A spokesman for the COD said response to advertisements had been good.

But Professor Erika Theron, who led a government study of the colored people in 1976, was reported as saying: "It's quite clear the government is doing its damndest to move as quickly as possible to ensure that there is no going back."

She added: "At a time when it is difficult for many whites to afford homes, they are selling them at tempting prices. I would say there are hundreds of coloreds who could afford these prices. They are making it easy for whites to buy — they could have done the same for coloreds."

The opposition Progressive Federal Party spokesman on housing, Colin Eglin, also condemned the sales. "It is disgraceful enough that the government drove out the colored people. Now it is compounding that disgrace by offering fat financial inducements at taxpayers' expense to entice whites to buy houses taken from the colored people," he was reported as saying.

18 missionaries held in Nicaragua

MANAGUA, Nicaragua March 21 (AP) — Government forces arrested 18 missionaries and expelled at least nine on charges of "anti-revolutionary activities," U.S. Embassy sources reported.

The U.S. officials, who asked not to be named, said Saturday that 10 of those arrested were from the United States. They said it was possible that other missionaries in Nicaragua were being sought by police.

They said at least nine of the missionaries — six Americans and three Canadians — were put aboard a Saturday night flight to Panama. The whereabouts of the other nine were unknown.

"The Foreign Ministry thought all 18 were going to be put aboard the flight and they were surprised when they weren't," one embassy source said. U.S. officials indicated they did not believe the missionaries were in any danger. Unaccounted for were the first group of nine reported arrested — four Americans, three Canadians, a Scotsman and a West German.

In Omaha, Nebraska, Irvin McDaniel told the Associated Press that U.S. consular officials

in Managua had called the family and said his son, Vern, and Daughter-in-law, Nola, were flown from Nicaragua along with other missionaries. He said the family was told the missionaries were safe.

U.S. Embassy sources said the embassy was investigating and had asked Nicaragua's ruling left-wing junta for an explanation. In Washington, State Department spokesman Joe Reap said, he had few other details and did not know "why this occurred." Reap said earlier that the U.S. Embassy in Managua had "heard that a total of 20 were arrested."

The Nicaraguan government announced Saturday that a Nicaraguan Protestant clergyman arrested for "counter-revolutionary activities" was killed when he tried to escape from his cell in Puerto Cabezas in northeast Nicaragua. The slain clergyman was identified as Ofilario Teofilo Larus of Vuakil.

Vuakil is in the general area where the government has relocated some 8,000 Miskito Indians amid growing discontent over the leftist government's policies, but it was not clear whether he had been involved with Miskito dissidents.

Venus 'has volcanic rock surface'

SPACE CENTER, Houston, March 21 (AP) — Two unmanned Soviet space probes on Venus analyzed soil samples and found the planet's surface similar to volcanic rock on earth, according to a Soviet scientist.

Vasily L. Barsukov, a geochemist at the Vernadsky Institute of Geochemistry in Moscow, also says *Venera 13* and *Venera 14* found the Venusian surface heavily eroded by atmospheric chemicals rather than wind or water.

The findings were described by Barsukov on Thursday during the 13th annual lunar and planetary science conference at the Johnson Space Center. The probes landed on Venus on March 1 and March 5.

Venus, the second planet from the sun, is covered with a thick layer of clouds which prevents scientists from studying the surface with telescopes. However, data from the landings showed the surface of Venus is

yellow-orange and the sky is orange because blue light cannot penetrate the thick atmosphere, Barsukov said.

He said the atmospheric pressure on Venus is equal to the pressure one-half mile deep in the ocean, and the atmospheric temperature is about 500 degrees.

Barsukov said the Soviet Union will continue exploring Venus and plans to send a new spacecraft to the moon within five years to bring back samples from the visible and hidden sides of the moon. Unmanned probes to neighboring planets indicate all nations must work to keep the earth safe, the Soviet scientist said.

"Data from Venus and Mars remind us that there is only one warm planet on which man can work. So there has to be a warm relationship (between countries). Let us together try to keep our small, warm planet safe for future generations," Barsukov said.

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Cairo	10	50	24 75 clear
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Chicago	2	36	7 44 rain
Copenhagen	2	36	3 37 cloudy
Dublin	5	41	10 50 clear
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